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THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

COMMONS DUMBFOUNDED BY STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT.

MR. ASQUITH TO BE WAR MINISTER AS WELL AS PREMIER.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph,"]

London, Received March 30.

General Gough has left Curragh Camp for a week's holiday, the place being at present unknown. He ordered the officers to give no interviews. It is stated in The Curragh, however, that the guarantee the Army Council gave him remains unrevoked.

Battle of Words.

The week-end lull in political circles is in nowise reflected in the newspapers. "Army versus People" and "No Military Despotism" are still the leading headlines in the Liberal journals, which make a feature of an alleged Unionist plot to "seduce the Army," while the Unionist organs denounce the Liberal pictures of Army dictation as a slim election dodge, even more mendacious and unscrupulous than the "Chinese Slavery" cry. They devote columns to examining the supposed plot on the part of a portion of the Cabinet to provoke an outbreak in Ulster.

The importance of to-day's debates in Parliament is admitted on both sides.

Adhere to Resignations.

The papers announce that Sir John French and General Ewart have definitely refused to withdraw their resignations.

TO-DAY'S WIRES.

London, Received March 31.

Members of the Cabinet together with Sir John French and General Ewart had a prolonged conference at Downing Street, after which Mr. Asquith visited the King.

Mr. Lloyd George III.
Mr. Lloyd George is ill at Walton Heath.

Premier as War Minister.
The House of Commons was again packed on Monday, and Colonel Seely was seated in the Back Bench, indicating that his resignation had been accepted.

Mr. Asquith announced that Sir John French and General Ewart persisted in resigning, and His Majesty the King approved of the speaker (Mr. Asquith) becoming Secretary of War. He would retire from the House, pending the bye-election necessitated by his new appointment.

Mr. Asquith paid a warm tribute to the loyalty and ability of Sir John French and General Ewart, and regretted that Colonel Seely also insisted on his resignation.

The Premier emphasised the point that he assumed the Secretaryship of War most reluctantly, but the circumstances of great public urgency.

He was dumbfounded.
The House was momentarily dumbfounded by the announcement, and then Ministerialists cheered frantically.

Mr. Asquith said Sir John French and General Ewart wished him to make it clear that they were in entire accord with his statement of Friday.

Then Mr. Asquith withdrew, Ministerialists waving and cheering madly.

Colonel Seely said he had seen no difference between himself and his colleagues.

Mr. Bonar Law considered that nothing could be more improper than to discuss the Home Rule Bill in the Premier's absence.

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Lord Salisbury asked if reinforcements to Ulster included naval and military forces from England and two Divisions from South Ireland?

Lord Morley:—Yes, I suppose that is true. He added that Colonel Seely showed him the famous two paragraphs in the Memorandum which he (Lord Morley) did not see differed in substance from the views expressed by the Cabinet.

Lord Curzon interjected with the query that as Colonel Seely had resigned, why was Lord Morley still a Minister?

Is Lord Morley Resigning.
Lord Morley's statement is regarded as indicating his resignation.

Mr. Churchill's Speech.
Mr. Churchill said that when Colonel Seely's assurances were given the Cabinet knew nothing of General Gough's demands.

The document was drafted by General Ewart and came to the Cabinet too late to be read, but Mr. Asquith, knowing the mind of the Cabinet, cut it out accordingly, handed it to Colonel Seely and left the Cabinet.

Regarding the reinforcements, they were sent to guard the depots, General Paget and Wey (General Paget) consulted and thought this would cause intense excitement and a crisis. The Government did not view the matter so seriously, but consulted with Mr. Bissell, who did not consider it would produce commotion, though interference with drill or arrest of the leaders would. The Government acted on his advice. General Paget received orders for so other movements that there, which were approved by the Cabinet in principle and the details approved by a conference composed of Mr. Asquith, members of the Government, heads of the Army Council and General Paget. None of the Ministers believed that the step would lead to bloodshed. General Paget, however, took a most serious view and was told that if necessary reinforcements would be sent from England.

Regarding the possibility of defection among the officers, General Paget was given two rules—firstly, that officers ordered to support the civil power must not be allowed to resign, but if they did not obey they must be dismissed; secondly, that indulgence might be shown to officers domiciled in Ulster. It was never intended that these rules were to be given to General Paget for guidance in the emergency or to be put to officers as questions. There was a misunderstanding on this point. Mr. Churchill contended that it was the second duty of the Government to take all possible measures to cope with armed rebellion, and he definitely

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charged the Opposition leaders in both Houses of attempting, as far as they could, the effecting of reduction of the Army in order to prevent it being used to deal with rebellion. The Army being used as a political weapon by Conservatives, this raised the issue of Army versus Parliament, and nothing would lay that issue to rest except a general settlement of outstanding questions with regard to Ireland. Unless it was so laid, the Army itself would be shattered, as the House of Lords was first exploited and then shattered.

Desire For Settlement.

If, therefore, continued Mr. Churchill, the Opposition would move forward to meet the great advances the Government had made, they would be received in a generous spirit with the understanding that there was a reasonable desire to effect a settlement, but if every proposal of the Government was twisted into a weapon to destroy the whole policy of Home Rule and the Parliament Act, the Government was bound to move forward, despite the threats of dangers and whatever the consequences to themselves.

Election Possibilities.

Later.

While Unionists think that the Government is so shaken that it will be unequal to the strain of carrying the Bills to be passed under the Parliament Act, Ministerialists are confident that Mr. Asquith's bold step has solved the difficulty and when he takes up his new post his great personal authority will end all confusion and misunderstandings. It is generally agreed, however, that there will be a General Election in June or July—soon as the Parliament Act Bills are through.

One Salary.

Mr. Asquith will take only one salary for the two posts. Colonel A. Spry (who opposed Mr. Asquith at the last election) will again be the Unionist candidate and polling will probably take place on Easter Monday.

General Sir Ian Hamilton is mentioned in the Lobby as the successor to Field Marshal Sir John French.

MEN OF THE MOMENT.

Mr. H. H. Asquith.

The Right Hon. Mr. H. H. Asquith, K.C., M.P., is 61 years of age and has been Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury since April, 1908, when he succeeded Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. He is a Yorkshireman, had few advantages in his early life, and made his own career. Educated at the City of London School, he went with a scholarship to Balliol and followed up a brilliant career at Oxford by making an enviable reputation at the Bar. He entered Parliament in 1880, relinquishing a fine practice when appointed Home Secretary in 1892. Afterwards he returned to the Bar. Later he again actively took up politics and from 1905 to 1908 was Chancellor of the Exchequer, in which capacity he introduced Old Age Pensions and the Licensing Bill. Since becoming Premier he has displayed his intellectual powers to great effect in the leadership of the House. He celebrated the completion of five years as Premier in April last year and was presented with the Freedom of Morley, his native place. At the last election he had a majority of 1,799 over Colonel Spry.

General Sir Ian Hamilton.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, who is mentioned as the likely successor of Field Marshal Sir John French, is the same age as the

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Premier. He is a distinguished soldier with much war service to his credit. In the Boer War he did brilliant work in command of the Infantry at Elandsburg and commanding the troops on Waggon Hill and Caesar's Camp; afterwards he was made Chief of Staff in South Africa. He was present at much of the fighting in the Russo-Japanese War, was Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Command from 1905 to 1907, then became Adjutant General to the Forces; and is now Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean and Inspector General of Overseas Forces. He visited Hongkong last year.

Lord Morley.

Viscount Morley of Blackburn, whose possible resignation is foreshadowed by his speech in the House of Lords yesterday, is 75 years of age. He at present holds office as Lord President of the Council, having previously been Secretary for India, from 1905 to 1910, when he resigned the position. He has won a great reputation both as a man of letters and a statesman. He began his career in daily journalism on the Morning Star and later went from the editorial chair of the Pall Mall Gazette into the Cabinet as Chief Secretary for Ireland. He is the supreme living example of the statesman-litigator. His "Life of Gladstone" was the great literary event of 1903, and he has written brilliant critical biographies of Voltaire, Burke, Cobden, Cromwell, etc. He successfully piloted the Veto Bill through the House of Lords in 1911.

SEAWORTHINESS OF SHIPS.

Structural Strength not now subject to inspection.

Washington, February 26.—A suggestion that the United States Government, through its steamboat inspection service, should be empowered by law to pass upon the structural seaworthiness of vessels inspected by that service, and that the plans and specifications of sea-going vessels should be approved and the loadlines fixed for different seasons of the year, is contained in the report of the inspectors of the service on the shunting of the bulk oil-carrying steamer Oklahoma, which broke in two in a storm of January 4 last, and carried down with it twenty-six of its crew. The report also recommends that life-boat drills on freight steamers be "encouraged, if not enforced," by the same service.

The report of the inspectors, which has just reached Secretary R. D. Field of the Department of Commerce, through George Uhler, Supervising Inspector-General of the Steamboat Inspection Service, finds that there was no violation of law, neglect of duty, or overt act whereby loss of life in connection with the sinking of the Oklahoma could be attributed to any licensed member of the crew. It also finds that the Steamboat Inspection Service was not dilatory in its duty of supervision, and that the ship itself, so far as could be ascertained from its inspection on April 11, last, was apparently in good shape. Every requirement of law with reference to life-saving apparatus was fully met, and all of the equipment was in first-class condition.

It is pointed out in this connection, however, that there is now no standard for determining the structural strength of vessels of various classes. The report states that there are laws which are explicitly and uniformly interpreted as to equipment and tests for freight and passenger

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OBITUARY.

CHEV. MATTEI TITO.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph,"]

London, Received March 31.

The death is announced of Chevalier Mattei Tito, the famous composer.

[Mattei Tito, pianist, conductor and composer, was pianist to the King of Italy. He was born near Naples in 1841 and was educated under Thalberg and others. At eleven years of age he was named as Professor of the Philharmonic Society of Florence and other Societies, and he gave his first concert in 1846, afterwards making several tours in Italy, France and England. On returning to Italy in 1853 he played before Pope Pius IX and received a gold medal from his hands. After further study he finally settled in London in 1863, giving concerts in all parts of the Kingdom. He organised and conducted a season of Italian Opera at the Lyceum Theatre in 1870, and was the composer of hundreds of songs and pianoforte pieces, which gained worldwide recognition and popularity.]

steamers, but not for standard structural strength, with reference to class, size, and maximum load-line of vessel. With specific reference to the Oklahoma accident, the report says:—

Where the Fault Lies.

"The whole blame lies through failure to put in force a legal provision that would control and standardize the construction of steam vessels and their loadlines, and delegate authority to supervise the construction of all vessels, to the end that when a certificate of inspection is issued by the Steamboat Inspection Service, it will not mean that the vessel shall carry a certain number of crew and be equipped with a certain length of fire hose and pump of certain dimensions, but that the vessel is structurally seaworthy and up to a uniform standard that cannot be questioned. This to the end that there may not again be such an appalling loss of life as took place in the loss of the steamship Oklahoma."

The inspectors also reported that they understood the Oklahoma was "constructed under the special survey of, also classed by, a recognized Classification Society" and that the ship had received "their certificate." It concludes by stating that the rules of the Society were evidently weak, thereby emphasizing the necessity of an official uniform United States standard of structural strength for given classes of vessels. To this end the report suggests that plans and specifications for the construction of sea-going vessels ought to be approved and the load line fixed for different seasons by the Government.

Facts About The Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma sailed from New York on January 3 last, in ballast, bound for Texas oil ports. The investigation showed that the vessel was ballasted in the same manner as on previous trips, and that, despite the gale of from sixty to eighty miles an hour, which had not been in progress long enough to stir up an unusually heavy sea, the ship made as good weather as might have been expected from one of its class and form of construction. In the early morning the wind moderated without an increase of sea. The testimony showed that about 7 A.M. master, chief mate, chief engineer, and others of the crew "noted that the decks of the ship between number 5 and 6 hatches had buckled to some extent." It is further shown by the testimony that this fact did not excite any unusual fear on the crew as to

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MINERS TO STRIKE.

YORKSHIRE'S PLIGHT.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph,"]

London, Received March 30.

As a result of wages dispute, 120,000 Yorkshire miners are to strike this week, causing every mine in the county to be idle.

DESTROYER REFLOATED.

London, Received March 30.

The new destroyer Laverock, which went ashore on her trials in Skelmorlie Bay, Clyde, on March 1, has now been refloated.

GREEK ROYALTY.

WELCOME TO KAISER

London, Received March 30.

The King and Queen of Greece and the Crown Prince of Greece welcomed the Kaiser at Corfu most cordially.

the structural safety of the ship, and on this phase the investigating inspector at Boston says:

"We feel that, not having the technical knowledge of a ship that would be expected of a naval architect, none of the officers realized the seriousness of the structural condition of the ship at that time."

Testimony further shows that the water ballast in tanks 5 and 6 had lowered, indicating that there may have been a fracture in the side of the ship at that time, although the evidence is not conclusive on that point. The fact that the deck was constantly awash made it, in the opinion of the investigators, hard to discern whether there was actually a crack in the side of the ship.

At 9.10 a.m., on the morning of January 4, when the Oklahoma had its head "within two points of the wind and directly head to the general trend of the sea, her engines slowed to 38 revolutions, she, without warning, broke almost instantaneously at or about amidships, the two parts instantly separating."

The testimony shows that the vessel had just passed over a heavy sea, and that when this sea was about amidships a heavy sea was encountered which so raised the vessel as to leave its bottom deprived of all buoyancy amidships. Furthermore, the testimony shows that the Oklahoma did not take the second heavy sea directly head on, but on the port bow, giving the ship a sudden rise forward and a lateral motion, which was felt most severely amidships where it had the least hold on the water. The result was the breaking of the ship into two parts.

The report concludes that the Oklahoma must have been structurally weak, and this conclusion is borne out by the testimony relative to the movements of the vessel in a seaway and by further testimony that it had been necessary to rivet certain portions of the hull at various times, indicating an "unusual work and action in the hull which should not exist in a practically new ship."

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

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CONDENSED.

The new submarine Laverock has been refloated.

Mr. Lloyd George is ill at Walton Heath.

The composer, Chev. Mattei Tito, is dead.

Mr. Asquith is to be War Minister as well Premier, but takes the salary of only one office.

General Sir Ian Hamilton is mentioned as a possible successor to General French.

It is generally agreed that there will be a General Election in June or July.

The Conservatives are accused by Mr. Churchill of using the Army as a political weapon.

Mr. Churchill has made an important statement on the instructions to General Paget.

The tone of a speech by Lord Morley is regarded as indicating his resignation.

As a result of a wages dispute, 120,000 Yorkshire miners are to strike this week.

There was a memorable scene in the Commons when Mr. Asquith announced that he would become Minister of War.

Sir John French and General Ewart definitely refuse to withdraw their resignations.

A bye-election is necessitated at East Fife by Mr. Asquith becoming War Minister. Col. Spry will oppose him.

Mr. Churchill has again raised the possibility of a settlement of the outstanding points on Home Rule.

NEWS.

"Our contemporaries" appears on page 2 and commercial news on page 9.

General news and the annual report of the Chartered Bank appear in to-day's paper.

The ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., was held to-day.

A notice of "Step this way" which was staged by the Bandmann Company last night, appears in this issue.

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Victoria Theatre—8.15 p.m.
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Monday April 6.
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Friday April 10.
Stainer's "Crucifixion"—St. John's Cathedral—9.15 p.m.
Saturday April 11.
Gymkhana Meeting.

Wednesday April 15.
The China Borneo Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders—noon.
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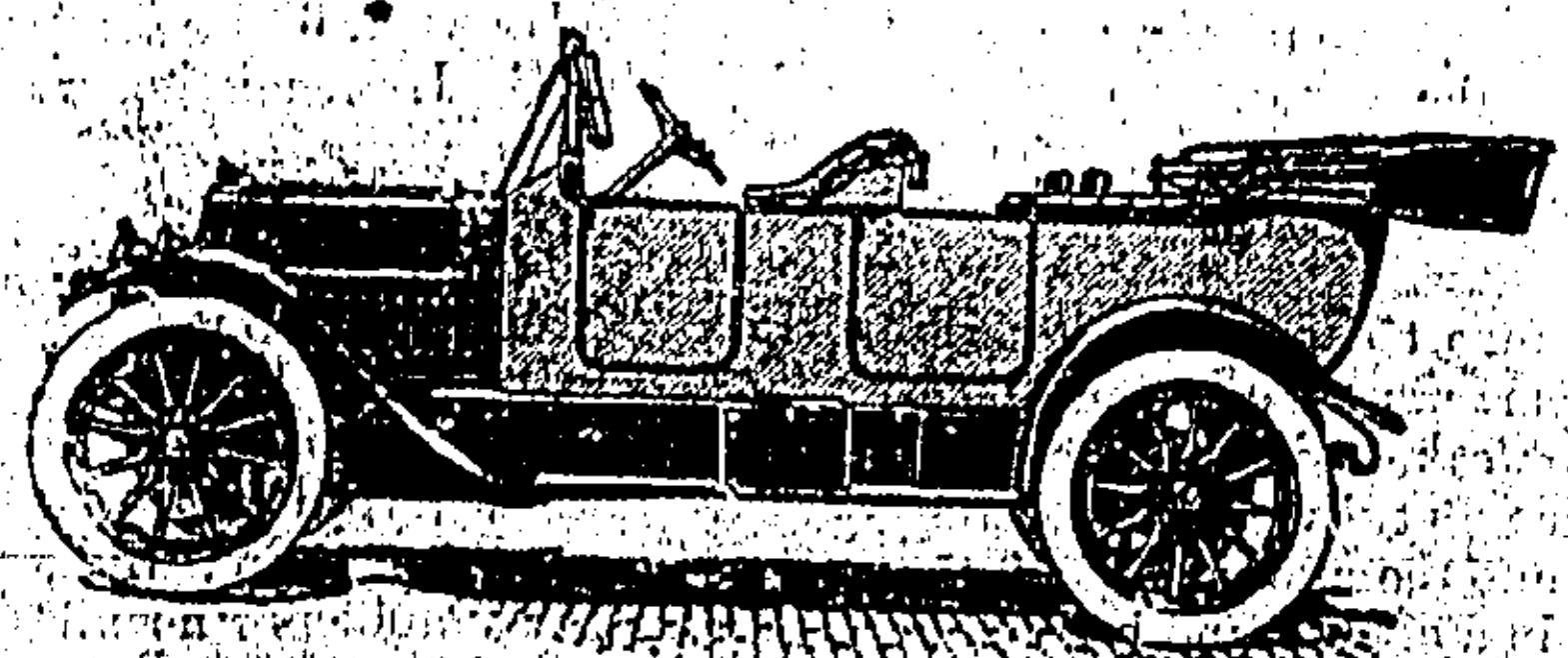


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Financial Chaos.

Not long ago definite instructions were issued that "an agreement for a foreign loan shall not have force unless sanctioned by the Ministry" but in spite of them the Hanyehping loan Agreement was consummated and the acquisition of the China Merchants S. N. Co., by Japanese capitalists is merely proceeding. These are merely examples of the inability of the Government to control individual corporations, but still more striking examples are not lacking of its inability to control the provinces and the provincial finances. Those in authority in Peking realize that the situation to-day is one requiring the most careful attention and the most delicate handling, but their subordinates in the provinces either wilfully or from sheer ignorance have no conception of the urgency of things. There is an entire absence of national discipline and control and this can be ascribed to nothing but the trifling, confusion and indecision of deliberative legislation. The country needs grim measures if any degree of stiffening is to be enforced and, as Parliament, Committees, Cabinets and Boards innumerable have proved ineffectual in reducing chaos to order, it is time that Yuan Shih-kai were authorized by the Powers to assume the role of Dictator and given a free hand to discipline his unruly subordinates in the provinces.

Daily Press.

The Unrest in China.

Most of the rebel leaders are believed to be either in Japan proper, or in the neighbourhood of Dairen enjoying Japanese protection, while some of the men for whose arrest the Kwangtung Government is offering rewards are believed to be still in the Federated Malay States. If these men are abusing their right of asylum as political refugees by making their place of exile the base of operations, endangering the peace and public order of China, the Chinese Government has only to make proper representations to the Government concerned to have a stop put to it. But it seems incredible that men of Sun Yat-sen's type can be associated with the campaign of brigandage conducted by the White Wolf, who does not appear to have any political object in view whatever, and most men, we think, who have hitherto regarded Sun Yat-sen and his associates simply as misguided political enthusiasts will wait for clearer evidence of their connection with the revolting atrocities which the White Wolf brigades have been perpetrating, and which they continue to perpetrate notwithstanding the large Government forces which have been put in the field against them.

China Mail.

Lull in the Political Warfare.

After the feverish excitement of last week, it is good to learn that there is a lull in the political arena at Home. As we are of opinion that no further serious outbreak of excitement is likely to occur in the near future, we cannot but conclude that the present state of affairs gives "the lie direct" completely to the generally accepted belief that the lull precedes the storm. However this may be, it is, as we have said, good to know from Reuter that the Prime Minister and other members of Parliament have been cooling their agitation on the golf links, probably, if the truth were known, by engaging in "Parliamentary foursomes" composed of Ministerialists and members of His Majesty's Opposition. This is a phase of British politics that is frequently stated to be difficult for politicians of other countries to comprehend, as it baffles their conception of the fitness of things to find that doubtful opponents within Parliament are not infrequently the best of friends outside the walls of St. Stephen's.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Managers One.
Last year there came into the ports of the United Kingdom more than half a million tons of manganese ore, or nearly two hundred thousand tons more than in 1912. The four leading ports at which the ore was landed are Middlesbrough, Garston, Barrow-in-Furness, and Moston. The Manchester port now comes fifth. Last year it received 63,000 tons of ore, or nearly twice the imports of the preceding year. As far as that port is concerned, the supply comes from India, the Brazils, and Southern Russia.

Barrister's Estate.
Mr. Thomas Herbert Kershaw, C.M.G., aged 61 years, of 27, Dodington, Whitechurch, Salop, barrister, Registrar of Deeds at Singapore in 1887, and Official Assignee in 1890, and from 1890 to 1903 Legal Adviser to the Federated Malay States, left estate of the gross value of £45,100, of which £39,926 is net personally. He bequeathed:—£100 to Colonel Robert Sandilands F. Walker, Commandant of the Malay States Guides, and £500 to Alexander Gentle, of Singapore, coroner.

Beats Her Speed Requirement.
San Francisco, February 20.—With a triumphant "15" showing on a flipping canvas between her masts, the electrically driven United States collier Jupiter came into port yesterday after trial trips over the measured Santa Barbara course, where she maintained an average speed of fifteen knots, an excess of the navy requirements.

The collier dropped anchor off California City, where she underwent coal handling tests, which are understood to have been satisfactory.

Snow Chilled Lascar Crew.
Philadelphia, February 27.—Terror-stricken at the sight of snow and ice encountered by the German steamship Ockenfels, off the Newfoundland banks, the crew of fifty-eight lascars deserted their posts, and for four days refused to leave the engine-room of the vessel. Assisted only by the mess boys and cooks, the officers of the ship were obliged to do all the seamen's work as well as navigate the vessel on the voyage to this port.

The cold was so intense, say the ship's officers, that waves froze into solid ice almost as soon as they broke over the rails of the vessel. The steamship arrived here yesterday from Narvik, Sweden, with a cargo of iron ore.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger lately sent an invitation to its readers to name the seven wonders of the modern world, and received 151,764 replies. Wireless telegraphy obtained the greatest number of suffrages, viz., 17,148, closely followed by the Panama Canal with 16,259. Zeppelin's dirigible airships had 12,828 votes and the aeroplane 11,428. Radium in medicine was voted for by 11,296, the cinematograph by 6,347, and the monster steamship the Imperator obtained 6,276 votes. These seven wonders together only account for 81,582 votes, and the Lokal Anzeiger merely states that the remaining votes were given in favour of "wonders" none of which were strongly enough supported to be deserving of serious consideration.

The Cheong Hock Kian.
After fifty-seven years service during which she has braved all sorts of weather on all sorts of seas, the Cheong Hock Kian has at last found anchorage in the quarantine ground in Singapore harbour. The vessel which is to act the part of a kind of intermediate hospital will perhaps be remembered as the "United Service" under which name she was for some considerable time on the Western Ocean run. Later she was used for carrying coolies between China, Singapore, and Java ports, being in fact one of the pioneers in this class of work. Some years ago she underwent the rather serious operation of being cut in halves for purposes of expansion. She was built in 1857.

New County Court Judge.
Mr. F. R. Y. Radcliffe, K.C., has been appointed county court judge for Oxfordshire (Circuit 30) in succession to the late Sir T. W. Snagge, and Mr. Alfred Adams has been appointed to fill the vacancy in Leicestershire caused by the death of Judge Wigham Wood.

THE CHARTERED BANK.

Report and Balance Sheet for 1913.

The following is the Directors' Report of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, which was to be presented at the sixtieth ordinary general meeting in London on March 18, 1914.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account of the Bank for the year ended December 31 last show a net profit, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, of £483,253 11s. 9d., inclusive of £132,539 10s. 9d. brought forward from the previous year. The interim dividend at the rate of fourteen per cent. per annum paid in September last absorbed £34,000, and a further sum of £24,000 has been appropriated to pay a bonus to the staff. The amount now available is therefore £375,253 11s. 9d., and the Directors propose to pay final dividend at the rate of fourteen per cent. per annum, making fourteen per cent. for the whole year, together with a bonus of twelve shillings per share; to add £100,000 to the Reserve Fund, which will then stand at £1,800,000; to add £70,000 to the Officers' Superannuation Fund; to write off Premises Account £25,000, and to carry forward the balance of £120,253 11s. 9d.

The Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, G.C.S.I., and Mr. William Foot Mitchell, the Directors who now retire by rotation, present themselves for re-election. The dividend and bonus, both free of Income Tax, will be payable on and after Wednesday, March 25.

Liabilities and Assets.

LIABILITIES.

To Capital, 60,000 Shares of £20 each, paid up ... 1,200,000 0 0

To Reserve Fund ... 1,700,000 0 0

To Notes in Circulation ... 822,591 5 3

To Current and Other Accounts, including Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts and Contingencies ... 9,366,800 2 11

To Fixed Deposits ... 7,761,033 10 7

To Bills Payable:—

Drafts on demand and at short sight on Head Office and Branches ... £2,035,071 8 1

Drafts on London and Foreign Banks against Security, per Contra ... 182,910 9 4

2,217,981 17 5

To Acceptances on Account of Customers ... 1,607,746 3 3

To Loans Payable, against Security, per Contra ... 1,723,000 0 0

To Due to Agents and Correspondents ... 10,334 14 4

To Sundry Liabilities, including Rebates ... 453,055 0 9

To Profit and Loss ... 375,253 11 9

£27,243,396 6 3

Liability on Bills of Exchange re-discounted £7,364,128 13s. 9d., of which, up to this date, £4,004,734 3s. 3d. has run off.

Outstanding Forward Exchange Contracts for Purchase and Sale of Bills and Telegraphic Transfers, etc., £10,256,452 11s. 11d.

ASSETS.

By Cash in hand and at Bankers ... 3,222,908 1 9

By Bullion on Hand and in Transit ... 745,208 18 10

By Government and other Securities ... 2,130,893 12 5

By Security lodged against notes issued and

Government Deposits ... 564,000 0 0

By Bills of Exchange ... 6,721,636 11 5

By Bills Discounted and Loans ... 11,384,499 5 6

By Liability of Customers for Acceptances, per Contra ... 1,607,746 3 3

By Due by Agents and Correspondents ... 181,624 17 9

By Sundry Assets, including Exchange Adjustments ... 130,098 5 2

By Bank Premises and Furniture at the Head Office and Branches ... 354,810 9 2

£27,243,396 6 3

Profit and Loss Account.

To Interim Dividend at 30th June, 1913 ... 84,000 0 0

To Bonus to Staff ... 24,000 0 0

To Balance proposed to be dealt with as follows:—

Dividend, at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum, for the half-year to date ... £84,000 0 0

Bonus of 12 shillings per share ... 36,000 0 0

Reserve Fund ... 100,000 0 0

Officers' Superannuation Fund ... 10,000 0 0

Bank Premises ... 25,000 0 0

Carries forward to Profit and Loss New Account ... 120,253 11 9

375,253 11 9

By Balance at 31st December 1912 ... 352,569 10 9

Less Dividend for half-year to 31st December, 1912 ... £80,000 0 0

Bonus of 10 shillings per share ... 30,000 0 0

Reserve Fund ... 50,000 0 0

Officers' Superannuation Fund ... 20,000 0 0

Bank Premises ... 30,000 0 0

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132,569 10 9

By Gross Profit for the year, full provision having been made for bad and doubtful debts ... £690,348 18 11

Less:—

Expenses of Management and General Charges at Head Office and Branches ... 339,664 17 11

350,884 1 0

£483,253 11 9

T.H. WHITEHEAD, T. FRASER, Managers.

CHAS. R. HYDE, S. JONES, Accountants.

ALFRED DENT, W. E. N. CO. SCHEN, GEORGE HAMILTON, Directors.

London, March 4, 1914.

Examined and found correct, according to the Books, Vouchers and Securities at the Head Office, and to the Certified Returns made from the several Branches.

M. MOWAT, Auditor.

Cotton.

There was a considerable change in the Mid-American market in the North owing to the publication of the final report of the Ginning Census. The total ginned, according to the report, is 13,964,003 bales besides 629,000 bales of lint.

This result is certainly poorer than expected; the consequence is that cotton values, after remaining steady for a considerable period, have begun to move up, the latest Liverpool quotation on March 23 being 7.08d. (spot) as against 6.98d. the previous week.

Prices in New York have also moved up, the May quotation on March 20 being 12.22 cents. Although the Census report has imparted a bullish tendency to the market, the maintenance of high prices will depend entirely on the improvement in the demand by the mills; the prospects of such improvement, however, are not bright. The weakness in the local cotton market, apparent in the early part of the week, was only temporary. If your eyes are giving trouble call on us and at the close the drop was fully recovered. There is no special activity in this market, except that local mills are buying fair quantities; and they are expected to go on replenishing their stocks of raw material if prices remain at reasonable levels. Holders of cotton are fairly strong; consequently the range of price fluctuations is expected to be narrow.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1914.

PRESENT-DAY DISCONTENT.

Mr. John Galsworthy's letter to the *Times*, which we gave in our columns yesterday, is interesting alike by reason of the literary standing of the writer and because it expresses, with vigour and something like temper, what any number of people have felt for a long time. More and more—save on particular occasions such as the present crisis—people are coming to admit that politics is a rather purposeless game; ordinary everyday politics, that is. There is too much talking and too little work, and the talk very often does not concern essential matters which, in the view of many people, clamour for immediate attention at the hands of our legislators at Home. The unfortunate thing is that, though people have come round to this belief, the number of people who are taking an active interest in politics is no greater than it was, say, twenty years ago. They admit that things are not well, but they are not prepared to lay a hand in mending matters.

Mr. Galsworthy gives a lengthy list of matters with which he thinks Parliament ought to deal but with which it does not. It is possible to disagree with some part or other of his list and yet to find it stimulating. It is, at least, the list of a man who is an original thinker. Most people could frame a similar list, but only here or there a man can express himself with equal vigour. The letter is also interesting because it shows the change which has come over our men of letters during the past generation. Formerly they were too greatly devoted to their art—or they believed they were which, for them, was the same thing—to meddle with politics. To-day many of them take a very active interest in the affairs of the nation. Mr. A. E. W. Mason and Sir Gilbert Parker are notable instances. Mr. Hillaire Belloc, Mr. H. G. Wells and Mr. Galsworthy are names that also rise readily to the memory.

Indeed, Mr. Wells himself has said much the same thing as Mr. Galsworthy with less violence and equal point. He has pointed out that a new situation is formed by the discontent of the enfranchised which amounts almost to hostility and contempt for their elected delegates and Governments. If that is the case, and assuming, as generally we must assume, that the electors make the best choice as between two or three candidates standing for each constituency, then the case is a bad one. But we doubt, for one thing, whether it is quite so bad as these literary men would have us believe. Mr. Galsworthy, for instance, writes like a man exasperated, and a man out of temper does not generally state a case with due impartiality or caution. For another thing, if the discontent is as deep-rooted and as fully justified by present-day happenings as is believed, it is for Mr. Wells, Mr. Galsworthy and others to take an active part in mending matters. They may reply that theirs would be but voices crying in the wilderness, but they have only to cry loud enough and long enough and to good purpose in order to gain adherents. But it is always easier to criticise than to do, to destroy than to build up, and the man who pulls down generally makes most noise and gains most credit at the moment. If our politicians are not playing a game which is real through and through, if they are not those who try out against the matter to try and make it hot by talking but by work and example.

The Dock Meeting.

It was a most gratifying state of affairs which the Chairman of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company was able to lay before shareholders at the annual meeting of the Company yesterday. Shipbuilding is, to use a term which was frequently employed in a recent case in the Law Courts, "the sap of life" to Hongkong, and the fact that our docking and constructional yards are animated with a spirit of enterprise, and have a judicious appreciation of the situation, is one of the most hopeful signs for the future of the port. That the Dock Company is keenly alive to the circumstances was amply shown by Mr. Dodwell's speech, for he made it plain that the Company is determined to keep its plant and properties thoroughly up-to-date, and this, of course, means a betterment of the facilities which Hongkong has to offer.

The "Understanding."

It was only to be expected that Mr. Dodwell would make reference to the recent understanding come to between the Company and the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company, and he did not disguise the fact that the better showing on the accounts was at least partially due to this arrangement. The danger is, in cases of this sort, that prices are forced up to a level which might jeopardise business, but Mr. Dodwell emphasised the point that this was not the policy of the two concerns. That is as it should be, for in view of the keen competition from other shipbuilding and repair centres, such a course would defeat the very object sought to be attained. The best recommendation of the understanding comes to us that it eliminates the cut-throat competition which has hitherto prevailed. That is good for both Companies, and, if a discreet policy is maintained, as we believe it will be, no harm should come to the port as a consequence.

The New War Secretary.

The main issue of the Ulster crisis is apparently in danger of becoming obscured by reason of the interest which centres in the personal matters which have arisen as side-issues. The decision of Mr. Asquith to become Secretary for War is the latest and most interesting move of the lot. This, of course, will necessitate a by-election in East Fife where, it is pretty safe to say, the Prime Minister will win very easily. If he does not, or if his majority is materially reduced, the Liberals can quit whenever they like. That would be the clearest indication that the country was tired of them. But what does the fact that the Prime Minister has stepped into Colonel Seely's shoes really mean. Is it an earnest of determination on the part of the Government, or is merely a piece of bluff? Or does it show, what has always been suspected, that really strong men in the Cabinet are scarce? It might have been worse, however. Mr. Lloyd George might have been chosen for the job.

"Gun Running."

Touching the Irish question and the official prohibition against importing arms into Ireland, a little comedy is reported from Cookstown, County Tyrone. A postman emerged from the Post Office there with a long, narrow, brown paper parcel slung from his shoulder. According to a Home paper, a wondering crowd followed. Constabulary armed in haste and followed closely behind, and the postman began to tremble. The procession made its way to the address on the parcel and the door was opened by a little girl. "Oh Mummy, it's come," she cried. Tearing away the paper she revealed a new umbrella with the message "From your loving Uncle Joe." Then the crowd melted away. It is quite a pretty story, but we should have thought that the postman would have known the difference in weight between a gun and an umbrella. But these things seem to happen most easily in Ireland.

DAY BY DAY.

SOUND THINKING HAS NOT GROWN AT THE SAME RATE AS WEALTH.—Sir Sidney Lee.

The Weather.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 72 sunshiny.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 85 fog.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Malta this morning.

American and Canadian Mails.—Left per s.s. Nile at noon to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Koerber at 5 p.m. to-day.

American Mail.—Closes per s.s. Mexico Maru at noon to-morrow.

Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dick of Shanghai are staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

Mr. Dick is connected with the works department, Customs, Shanghai, of which he is engineer in chief.

Abandoned Accountant.

A Chinese merchant of 17 Jubilee Road has reported to the Police that he trusted his accountant on March 28 to collect some money. The accountant is alleged to have absconded with \$300.

Washerwoman Robbed.

A washerwoman employed by the Steam Laundry, Kowloon, has reported that while he was asleep someone stole from his jacket, which was hanging in the cubicle. He was using a rolled gold watch chain and pendant valued at \$108.

Snatching.

Mrs. Comrie, of Kowloon, has reported to the Police that while she was riding in a ricksha in Queen's Road a Chinese snatched her handbag from her wrist and made off. The handbag contained money and other articles and was valued at \$54.

Small Fire.

At about 7.30 a fire broke out at the Grand Hotel. The conflagration which was only a minor one was caused by the fusing of an electric wire which set light to a beam. The fire was put out by the Brigade which attended. The damage is estimated at about \$30.

Going Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid and family pressed home to-day by the s.s. Nile. The travellers go first to Manila and then through the United States. Mr. Reid is general manager of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company, and going home on leave. Another passenger by the same boat is Miss Dyer, sister of Mr. R. M. Dyer of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock.

Case of Armed Robbery.

An alarming case of armed robbery is reported from the Pokfulam district. It appears that yesterday a coolie employed at the French Fathers' sanitarium was walking from Hongkong to Pokfulam when he was accosted by three men. Two of them threw pepper in his eyes, and the third seized him and threw him to the ground. They then tied his hands and feet with a rope, covered his mouth to prevent him shouting, with a handkerchief, and carried him into a nullah. Here they robbed him of \$12.15 in notes and ran away. The man got his mouth free and shouted whereupon the men returned and stabbed him in the left arm and the right thigh. The matter is in the hands of the police.

Billiards.

The Soldiers' Club Tournament.

Last evening at the Soldiers' Club in connection with the Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament the Hongkong Volunteers met the 88th Co. R.G.A. in the first round and established a lead of 99 points. Mr. Hutchison beat Lt. Ruppell by 33 points and Mr. P. R. Wolf beat Captain de Rivo by 66. The highest breaks of the evening were—Mr. Hutchison 26, Mr. Wolf 29, St. Ruppell 27 and Capt. de Piro 27. The scores are as follow:—

88th Co. R.G.A. ... 250

Mr. Hutchison ... 250

Mr. Wolf ... 250

Mr. Hutchison ... 500

Mr. Wolf ... 217

Mr. Hutchison ... 184

Mr. Wolf ... 401

COMPANY MEETING.

The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

[VERBATIM.]

The thirtieth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was held at the office of the General Managers (Messrs. Shawan, Tomes & Co.) at noon to-day.

Mr. R. G. Shawan, president, and there were also present Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. D. W. Craddock (consulting committee), Messrs. R. Hancock and O. Klink (shareholders) and Mr. R. Henderson (Secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—The report and accounts for 1913 having been in your hands for some time, we will, with your permission, now take them as read. The profit on working, as you will see, is almost identical with that of the previous year, so we propose to declare the same dividend and place \$1,000 to Reserve Fund, which has been increased by \$10,000, appreciation on investments transferred, carrying forward \$2,587.88; and we trust that this appropriation will meet with your approval.

The result must be considered very satisfactory under the circumstances, for we had to pass through a very difficult year. The price of hemp continued throughout at abnormally high figures, and you will better appreciate what we had to contend with when I tell you that prices for some grades in 1913 at one time were nearly double those paid two years ago. Fortunately, trade was good and we were able, as a rule, to get better prices for our output, though not of course, without some difficulty. But high prices must, of course, adversely affect sales, and in this respect I am glad to say there seems a slight chance of improvement, as some grades of hemp are weaker at the moment, but how long this will last it is impossible to say. The price of all commodities seems of late to have risen all over the world, and we doubt, therefore, if consumers of rope and cordage will ever again see the low prices of former years.

Turning to the accounts, Sanitary Debtors \$118,838, seems high, but there is only about \$19,000 of it still outstanding to-day. All stocks on hand have been valued at safe figures and below current rates.

As to the future it is always dangerous to prophesy, but I may say that so far we have done well for this year. If any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be glad to answer them before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts. As there are no questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. Craddock:—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Klink and seconded by Mr. Craddock that the report and accounts as presented be passed.

Those in favour kindly hold up their hands. Against. Carried unanimously. The next business, gentlemen, is the election of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Klink:—I beg to move the re-election of Messrs. H. P. White, D. W. Craddock and Dr. J. W. Noble as members of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Hancock:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Klink and seconded by Mr. Hancock that Messrs. White, Noble and Craddock be re-elected to the Consulting Committee for this year. Those in favour kindly hold up their hands. Against. Carried unanimously. The next business is the election of auditors.

Dr. J. W. Noble:—I beg to propose the re-election of Messrs. A. O'Donnell, Gordin and F. Maitland as auditors at a remuneration of \$200 each per annum.

Mr. White:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—The re-election of Messrs. A. O'Donnell, Gordin and F. Maitland has been proposed by Dr. Noble and seconded by Mr. White. Those in favour kindly hold up their hands. Against. Carried unanimously.

That is all the business, gentlemen; dividend warrants are now ready.

EUROPEAN CHARGED.

Alleged Larceny of Ship's Stores.

Daniel Joseph O'Halloran, a Sanitary Inspector of Hongkong, was charged at the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. Wood, with the larceny of one cheese, two bottles of gooseberries, one bottle of damsons, one bottle of plums, one tin of pears, one tin of peaches, one tin of apricots, one bottle of honey, one tin of sheep's tongue, one tin of strawberry jam, one tin of blackberry jam, one bottle of pickles and two dozen boxes of matches, in all to the value of \$1, and also with receiving the same knowing them to have been stolen, and being the proprietor of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, on the February 24 or 25.

Mr. King, Deputy Superintendent of Police, prosecuted, and Mr. C. F. Mason, of Messrs. D'Almada and Mason, defended.

Mr. King said this was a case which it was his unwelcome duty to put before his Worship to hear. Defendant had been in the employ of the Government as a Sanitary Inspector for over seven years. The charges were one of larceny and one of receiving the articles mentioned in the charge—these were not of great value being only about \$1. The articles were ship's stores. The facts were briefly these. On the evening of February 24, the defendant went on board the s.s. Malta then in Hongkong on the way up north. Defendant had a passage booked by the same ship for Home on her return. Defendant went on board with the object of seeing his cabin, between eight and nine o'clock. About midnight an Indian constable, who was always on plain clothes duty on the P. & O. steamer at the wharf, noticed a Chinese coolie going down the gangway carrying a bag. The constable stopped him and the coolie could not account satisfactorily for the bag and its contents. The contents were a number of tins and bottles. There was a little noise going on and the constable took him back on board ship. The chief officer arrived and after some talking and examination it was discovered that the articles mentioned had been taken from the ship. He (Mr. King) had not got the coolie in whose custody the bag was when the constable took him on the ship he disappeared. He had a coolie who would say he was instructed by a European to call a coolie from the wharf. This coolie who he would call, was a winch coolie who was working on the steamer. He called the other coolie to take a bag on the instructions of a European on board the ship. He (Mr. King) would also call before His Worship, the chief officer, and the chief steward who would prove the contents of the bag were removed from the ship. He would call the third officer and the quartermaster who saw the defendant on board that night. He was instructed that when the defendant left the ship, no claim was made to the articles and they were left on board the ship in the possession of the ship's officer. Those were the facts he had to lay before his Worship.

His Worship:—The one thing to connect the defendant with this case is the evidence of the coolie?

Mr. King:—Yes, the evidence of the coolie who was sent away to engage another coolie and I shall prove to your Worship at the time the coolie was stopped by the Indian constable on the wharf, the defendant came up and saw the coolie stopped. A conversation occurred between the Indian constable and the defendant, the former understanding a little English. When defendant asked who the constable was, the latter showed him his police badge.

The Indian constable then gave evidence bearing out Mr. King's opening statement.

Mr. King then mentioned to his Worship that the dates given were wrong; they should read 23 and 24.

Mr. Mason said it was immaterial to him what they made the date. He would like his Worship to ask the witness if he saw the defendant give his card to the officer of the ship or anyone on the ship.

Witness replied that he did not.

OUR NEW MACHINE.

An Explanation and an Apology.

We have to offer an apology to pedestrians in Lee House Street to-day and to residents in the immediate neighbourhood of this office for having, to some extent, blocked the street to-day and for the noise caused by a gang of coolies engaged in heavy work. We trust that they will the more readily accept this apology when we explain that the work being done was the transfer of a new printing machine, weighing many tons, from the godown to this office. The *Telegraph* does not often talk of itself, but we may be permitted to explain, while we are on the subject, that the progress made by this paper has made it imperative that an up to date and fast printing machine should be installed. Our former machines are no longer able to cope with the needs of the paper to-day.

Our readers will readily gather that the work of handling a machine so large and so heavy as that about to be fitted up is no easy business, and that some inconvenience to passers-by was unavoidable. We have endeavoured, with some success, to reduce that inconvenience to a minimum and we trust that after this explanation any little irritation which may have been felt will be quite allayed. We trust, too, that our readers as a body will find interest in the statement that the *Telegraph* is making such rapid progress as to make this apology necessary.

WHOLE CREW CHARGED.

Alleged Refusal to obey Orders.

This morning at the Hartmut Office before Commander Basil Taylor, R. N., the crew of the Glasgow ship s.s. Salamis was charged with disobeying the orders of the captain of the ship, Capt. Gardiner.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the defendants.

The instances alleged against the defendants are:—

1. That on February 3, the deck hands, boatswain, and quartermaster refused to obey the chief officer and did not turn to until seven a.m. when ordered to do so at 6 a.m. Two days previous to signing articles while working by the ship they refused to start work at 6 a.m. when ordered to do so.

2. On February 18 at the Suez Canal the sailors refused to work their turns on the look out bridge to stand by in the case of need when ordered to do so by the chief officer and the master had personally to order them to take their turn on the look out bridge before they reluctantly did so.

3. On March 15 the master's attention was drawn to the fact that the sailors and firemen had broken down permanent fittings, and had also sawn up and destroyed two long seats in the forecabin and that the crew had converted them into tables.

4. On March 27 the sailors and firemen went ashore at Hongkong without leave.

1. On March 28 at Hongkong certain of the men, including the engine room storekeeper, all went ashore without leave and the same day, two firemen disobeyed and threatened the chief engineer. The police were called in and the men given in charge.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow on the application of Mr. Hind.

Extension of a Game Farm.

Stoughton, an outlying part of the West Dean estate, near Chichester, and comprising 1,500 acres, the village of Stoughton, and the Stoughton Gallops, has been sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Bailey to Mr. Montagu Robb, of Chichester Place, Liphook, for the extension of the Liphook Game Farm.

but he heard the defendant say he was a Sanitary Inspector.

The witness coolie deposes to calling the other coolie to a European.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1914.

EUROPEAN CHARGED.

Alleged Larceny of Ship's Stores.

(Continued from Page 4.)

The latter paid him ten cents for his trouble. The European said nothing, but took the coolie into a passage. He then saw the coolie carrying a parcel. The European was wearing plain clothes.

The chief officer said he sent for the storekeeper, but he was too drunk to give an intelligible reply to any question. He reported the storekeeper to the captain. Next morning, he was disgraced at once and sent home on the Assaye. The articles in the bag were all marked with the P. and O. mark, and appeared to him to be ship's stores for the use of passengers. The storekeeper had no right to pass anything out of the ship without a permit. He could not give any evidence as to stocktaking. The storekeeper was in charge of the stores, under the steward. In the absence of the steward the storekeeper kept the keys of the store. On that night the steward was away on shore leave and came back about midnight.

The second steward deposed that on the night in question the defendant asked to see the cabin which had been reserved for him on the return journey home. He had a drink with him, left him standing at the bar which was closed. To his knowledge defendant might have had three or four drinks. When witness left defendant and the storekeeper at the bar, the latter had a drink, but was not drunk.

The chief steward said he had charge of the keys of the store, but when he was on shore the next senior steward on duty had the keys. On the night in question he went ashore about 7.30 and returned at 11.45. On that evening the storekeeper had charge of the keys in his absence. When he got on board he went to the doctor's cabin and they were joking there for about five minutes. The Chief Officer came to him and said he was wanted in the chart-room. He went and there he saw a bag containing company's stores. He sent for the storekeeper and when he came he was not sober. The storekeeper confessed to him that he had given them away. He did not see the defendant on board that night. He did not check the stores that night, but after they left Hongkong. After the goods were put back the stores were found correct. Neither he nor the storekeeper had any authority whatever to give ships stores away.

By Mr. Mason:—If on checking, stores were short witness had to make the shortage good to the Company. If he had official leave the men acting for him would be responsible to witness. Seaman Sinclair said he saw a European, a storekeeper and a Chinese come along together. The Chinese passed him and went down the gangway. Neither European went down the gangway. The defendant was one of the Europeans. He took the bag from the Indian and the Chinese. A European followed him along the gangway, but the coolie who had the bag cleared out.

The Indian, recalled, said the seaman did not carry the bag back to the ship; he (witness) and the coolie did.

The third officer said he heard a row by the gangway and when he asked what the row was about he was told by the Indian that someone wanted to take a bag ashore and he would not allow him to do so without a pass. He saw the bag by the gangway and he told the seaman to see that it did not go from there until morning and he would see about it. He went to the second officer and when he came back he saw the Indian and the defendant arguing by the gangway. Defendant asked who the Indian was to stop any white man taking

BECKER CONFIDENT OF RELEASE.

Says He Will Hunt for Men Who Killed Rosenthal.

Ossining, N. Y., February 25.—Charles Becker seemed confident to-day of his ultimate release, and declared that as soon as he was released he would devote all his energies to running down the men responsible for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The ex-police lieutenant, who was granted a new trial yesterday for the Rosenthal murder, said that he could furnish the information that would bring the real culprits to justice.

"After I have done that," said Becker, "I shall be willing to go back to the Police Department, if they want me. If they do not, I will enter some other line of work. I could not wish, even for the men who are responsible for my being here, the experience that I have gone through."

"I have had no friends in my trouble except my immediate family and my attorney. My hands have been tied. I suspected every one. At times I even suspected Shay, my attorney. It seemed as if the whole world was all against me."

"My case, at its present status, proves beyond all doubt that you cannot get away with a 'frame-up.' The light is bound to sift through sooner or later. At one time I did not believe in the justice of the courts of this State. I do now."

"The four gunmen" are terribly down-hearted, because they, too, were not granted a new trial. I feel sorry for them. They thought their case was tied up with mine. When I was informed that I had been granted a new trial, they immediately concluded they had, too. They were joyous. It was hard when they were told the truth."

Becker was in high spirits when the newspaper men met him in the warden's office. He burst into a torrent of reminiscences, promises, threats, and self-congratulations. Joseph A. Shay, his attorney, who arrived from New York earlier in the day, received an effusive greeting. Becker hugged and kissed him and called him a "brick."

After a conference with Shay, Becker said he expected to be freed within the next week. "I will probably go back to the Tombs to-morrow," he said.

Charge Withdrawn.

The charge against Gurdit Singh of acting as a passenger broker without a license, was withdrawn at the Police Court, this morning. Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

anything ashore; witness said the things had not to leave the ship. Defendant asked the Indian to prove that he was a detective. The defendant went ashore to bring a European police officer. The ones for the prosecution were then closed.

Mr. Mason submitted that the charge had not been proved in the essential particulars. The evidence failed to show that the defendant had criminal intention. Defendant was discharged.

TELEGRAMS.

[The following telegram arrived too late for insertion on Page 1.]

ULSTER CRISIS.

ARMY CHANGES.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph," London. Received March 31.]

It is anticipated that General Sir Charles Douglas, G.C.B. will succeed General French and that General Smith-Dorrien will succeed Sir Charles Douglas. London. Received March 31.

In the house of commons a motion for the rejection of the Consolidated Fund Bill was defeated by 329 votes to 257.

LONDON'S NIGHT LIFE.

Night club life in London is growing more and more popular among those who can afford it, says a writer in the *Sunday Chronicle*. I made a 3 a.m. tour a morning or two ago of all the more reputable clubs, and found an abundance of light, levity, luxury, and—I cannot say quite innocent enjoyment. The Tango and the Maxixe have almost entirely ousted the waltz at these establishments, and as most of the ladies who frequent the night clubs are professional dancers, or at least on the stage, the dancing reaches a very high standard of proficiency. Of all the clubs there is none that quite attains the atmosphere of the Cabaret, the Cave of the Golden Calf, as it is somewhat cynically termed. Here alone one has the Bohemian atmosphere—both architectural and human. The appearance of the dancing-hall, with its cabaret backcloth to the stage, is unlike all the others, and the people, are different.

Murray's is a little garish, the Cosmopolitan frankly theatrical, the '400' is in Bond Street and doesn't let you forget it, the Astor is too like a very smart restaurant. But the Cabaret is different. In the first place it is run by a lady with an individuality, the widow of Strindberg, the gloomy Scandinavian playwright and author who—publicly at any rate—had a cynical 'unfaith' in all women, and wrote plays and things to tell us so. Then there are the grotesque carvings of Epstein, the futurist sculptor, and the mad frescoes of Wyndham Lewis and the cubi-futurists. And finally there are people—an amazingly interesting assemblage of versatile men and women. On the dancing-stage the other night, we noticed the following:—

A scene painter.
An adonis.
An impresario.
A church organist and composer.
A famous beauty.
An editor.
A dramatic critic with his wife.
An unaged dramatist without.
A female fresco-painter.
A cartoonist.
A singer who recites her own poetry.
Some musical-comedy actresses.
A much-battered Mexican.
Two or three actors.
Some Army officers.

'Life' doesn't start here until about one o'clock, and it goes on until 'an old time,' and often concludes with a Turkish bath at one of the never-closing establishments. The dancing is interrupted by enter-tainers of various kinds partly professional, partly voluntary, for many members can do something or—other—to amuse, or they bring in talented friends who can. The Cabaret Club is certainly one of the sights of modern London. They have pyjama balls every Saturday at present, and on Thursday there was a babies' ball, at which every body had to be dressed as a baby or a toy.

DEALERS' DISPUTE.

Rent Action and Cross Summons.

In the Summary Court, before the Paines Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) this afternoon, the On Lung Firm, rice dealers, sued Ng Wai, trading as Onun Kee, preserved fruit dealer, for \$43, amount of three months' rent from November 10, 1913, to February 13, 1914, of a stall at 124, Des Voeux Road Central, which the defendant occupied as a monthly tenant. The defendant brought a cross-action, claiming the return of furniture, fixtures, fittings, utensils and other effects belonging to him and alleged to have been wrongfully detained, or, in the alternative, \$52.68, the value of the goods.

Mr. W. Crowther Smith was for the plaintiff in the action and the defendant in the cross action; while Mr. C. Willson (Messrs. Stephens and Willson) appeared for the other side.

Mr. Smith said the plaintiff in the action was tenant of the ground floor of 124, Des Voeux Road Central, and the manager of the plaintiff firm was also manager of another firm whose shop was at 56, Des Voeux Road Central. The defendant was the sub-tenant of the plaintiff for a portion of the shop front, a small stall. He became tenant at first at a rent of \$20 a month and later at \$16. At the end of the Chinese year the landlord of 124, Des Voeux Road gave plaintiff notice to leave before March 1, and that, of course, necessitated the removal of the defendant also, as sub-tenant. The plaintiff spoke to the defendant about this and they agreed that the defendant should take a stall at 56, Des Voeux Road Central in substitution for his stall at No. 124.

Mr. Willson stated that the defence was that they had paid all the rent due except part of a broken month—19 days—and defendant tendered that, but it was not accepted. He (Mr. Willson) had given notice of special defence—a set-off. He contended that defendant was entitled to one month's rent in lieu of notice, and that more than covered the portion of rent for 19 days. Therefore there was nothing due. No notice was given.

Mr. Smith:—Of course we say we took the other place in substitution.

Mr. Willson:—That is denied. Defendant, in evidence, said he did not agree to go to the On Chan premises. The plaintiff not only detained the goods claimed for, but also his stock of preserved fruit.

His Lordship commented on the appearance of the account books put in and said he thought the plaintiff's looked more genuine. Defendant's book certainly looked very lively.

Mr. Smith suggested the defendant's book was written up afterwards.

His Lordship:—It rather looks like it. The book seems to me an after-thought.

Judgment was given for plaintiff in the action for \$42—two months and 19 days' rent—and costs. In the cross-action judgment was given for defendant without costs, such goods as the defendant held to be returned.

No License.

Mak Kap, aged 16, was fined \$4 at the Police Court, this morning, by Mr. Wood, for hawking without a license. His wares were several copies of the *South China Morning Post*.

Austrian Lloyd. The total revenue of the Austrian Lloyd last year amounted to 42,542,006 kr., showing an increase of 3,780,136 kr. over 1912. The total distances travelled by the company's steamers showed an increase of 17,100 miles. There is said to have been a specially favourable development of the East Asiatic trade.

MISSING MAN TRACED.

Dogs for Sport and Pleasure.

A striking performance of a blood-hound owned by Mr. W. Hall, of Baildon, near Shipley, again demonstrates the possibilities for usefulness inherent in this breed. Mr. Hall, who is a member of the Association of Blood-hound Breeders, as a busy man, has not had much leisure in which to train his bitch, and it is highly creditable to her and her owner that she should have been able to carry a line thirteen hours cold and continue the quest the next morning. The circumstances, as says the *Daily Telegraph*, are as follows. An aged gentleman, leaving home early one morning to do some shopping, disappeared entirely, and a search throughout the day by privy fruitless, Mr. Hall was asked to try his hound. Taken to the spot where the missing man was last seen, she led the way to a hen-cote belonging to him, where was found a carpet bag that he had been carrying. The track was then followed across the moor until darkness compelled an adjournment. First thing the following morning the hunt was resumed, proceeding until a piece of water, known as Intake Dam, was reached, and in this the body was found. Mr. Hall was complimented by the coroner at the inquest.

This admirable piece of work should act as a further stimulus to the employment of blood-hounds in a district that is already appreciating their merits, for the chief constable of the West Riding (Major Atcherley), in which Baildon is situated, owns a couple, while his brother-in-law of the North Riding, Major R. L. Bower, is the possessor of two and a half couples, some of which were sired by one of Captain Noel Llewellyn's Wiltshire hounds. As these hounds are shaping well, they will no doubt in the course of time more than justify their existence.

Methods of Handling.

Sergeant Fox, under whose control the hounds are, was a gamekeeper before he joined the force, and so was P. C. Wilson, who handles the Wiltshire hounds so well, and who has already given many lessons to *conferees* from other parts of the country. Naturally, a man knowing nothing about dogs would be greatly handicapped in training a hound, and he would be more likely to meet with failure than success, but a gamekeeper starts equipped with a knowledge that cannot fail to be most helpful. If he can manage shooting dogs properly there is no profound secret in mantrucking that he cannot master readily. The main thing is to have patience and good temper, as well as a capacity for gaining the confidence of one's charges. P. C. Wilson has already taught blood-hound breeders a few things that they did not know—he has shown that hounds commonly supposed to be bit nervous and headstrong can be made as tractable as retrievers, and that, instead of being put off their work if checked, they can be stopped and set on to the line again as if nothing had happened. The way in which one of the Wiltshire puppies, at the trials near Ludgershall, submitted to a raking when she had rioted on game, and then went on hunting on a cold line with scarcely any scent was a revelation. It convinced one that blood-hounds are no more nervous than other dogs, and that they are just as capable of being brought under perfect control.

A Stiff Fine. A Chinese who was arrested while endeavouring to take arms and 806 rounds of ammunition on the s.s. 'Tai On' was fined \$1,000, at the Police Court, this morning.

NEW GAIETY PLAY.

"After the Girl"

Some wicked wag once suggested that "The Pursuit of Pamela" would give a fine idea for a musical comedy. And all the while Mr. Paul Rubens was writing or had written "After the Girl." As Pamela was chased, so is Doris chased. From Paris to the Belgian frontier, from the Belgian frontier to Amsterdam, from Amsterdam to Budapest, from Budapest to Berlin, and from Berlin to London. St. Petersburg and Madrid, and Lisbon and New York and a few others were only left out, as it were, by accident.

And hot foot after runaway Doris came her father, little Mr. Pitt, the billionaire, and her stepmother, once Mr. Pitt's cook, and her brothers and sisters, and Mr. Charlston, her admirer, and Mr. Dabsley, his servant, and Emma, her maid, and half a dozen others; and in each capital this rattling, nonsensical, "revue-like" play, which is as irresponsible and inconsequent a thing as ever Mr. George Edwardes has produced, whirled them all into fresh adventures.

There is absolutely no describing the incidents. At one moment they are most of them plunging headlong into the Danube; at another having a free fight in a Customs house; at another storming a Berlin music hall, while Mr. Pitt ascends in a travelling crane, and Dabsley, who has got shut up in a pillar-box, is fed through the slit with whisky and sandwiches. And it all arose from Doris's exchanging a few words with a handsome stranger (no other than Charlston himself) in the station at Brussels on her way home from school. Back to school you go, said her irate little father; and rather than go back to school she led them all this mad dance over Europe.

The company, as a glance at the cast will show, is almost entirely new to the Gaiety. Some of the parts seem to have been written with former members of the Gaiety company in the author's mind. Charlston, for instance, might be a George Grossmith part. Mr. Clifton Crawford plays it in the style of Mr. Joseph Coyne, and almost immediately made himself a favourite by his casually comic air, useful voice and agile dancing. Dabsley is an Edmund Payne part, and Mr. William Stephens played it well in that style. We should call Mrs. Pitt a Connie Edies part, if Miss Caumont had not so firmly taken her own place in musical comedy. She has not such chances as she had in "The Dancing Girl," but she is immensely funny.

Of Mr. Lew Hearn (as of Bonita, who also appears) there is little need to speak, for everyone knows what a wholly delightful and attractive comedian Mr. Hearn is. To see him tackle and rout the huge desperado who in Budapest finds him flirting with his wife Miss Isobel Elsom makes her first appearance as leading lady at the Gaiety; and though her singing voice gave out before the close of the long play, she kept her spirit to the end and gave us a fine bounding dance. One of the most successful performances of all is the Emma of Miss Mabel Sealby. She is very piquant and clever, and her song about the military band is one of the main features of the evening. But there are plenty of good numbers, with catchy tunes that stick in the head from the first hearing. Among them a notable one is a very laughable kind of "follow-my-leader" dance in the Amsterdam scene, led by Mr. Clifton Crawford.

And as to the production—it is "the thing to say," but we seriously believe that this time Mr. George Edwardes has surpassed himself in these six scenes. The Oulton House is, of course, a comparatively humble affair,

SCHOOL SPORTS.

St. Stephen's College.

In fine weather the annual sports in connection with St. Stephen's College were held at the Race Course this afternoon, the enclosure being lent by the Jockey Club for the purpose. There was a large attendance of past and present scholars who followed the competitions with keen interest. During the afternoon the band of the 8th Rajputs discoursed a programme of music.

The results to the time of going to press were as follows:—Senior 100 yards final:—1, Pan Shin-wai; 2, Ho Wing-lee; 3, Leung Sai-sui.

Middle 100 yards final:—1, Chin Kwok-ting; 2, Yip Hing-hung; 3, Kwok Ting-fuk.

Junior 100 Yards final:—1, Ip Chi-wai; 2, Lee Chung-pun; 3, Tam Cheung-huen.

College Championship 100 Yards:—Chan Hai-yuen; 2, Chin Kwok-long; 3, Pan Shiu-wai.

Senior Long Jump:—1, Ho Wing-lee; 2, Chan Nai-yuen; 3, Leung Sam-po.

Middle Long Jump:—1, Cheng Wai-hing; 2, Yip Hing; 3, Hing Hung.

Junior Long Jump:—1, Ip Chi-wai; 2, See Chung-pun; 3, Wong Kai-tang.

Senior 220 yards:—1, Pan Shin-yi; 2, An Lee-yau.

Middle 200 yards:—1, Tai Hak-hon; 2, Chan Kwok-tung; 3, Kwong Hing-fuk.

Junior 200 yards:—1, Ip Chi-wai; 2, Tan Ching Huen; 3, Si ohong pun.

Senior High Jump:—1, Ho Wing-lee; 2, See Chung-fuk; 3, Chan Nai-yuen.

Middle High Jump:—1, Yip Hang-hung; 2, Pheng Wai-hon; 3, Mo Kun-yang.

Junior High Jump:—1, Wong Kap-tang; 2, Yip Chi-wai; 3, See Chung-pun.

FOREIGN TRADE

COMMISSION.

The *Daily Journal of Commerce*, of San Francisco is sending to the Orient a commission to investigate business conditions and devise methods for increasing the trade between the Orient and the Pacific Coast, and we have copies of the *Daily Journal of Commerce* of October 17, 1913 and February 21, 1914, which papers contain articles fully stating forth the purposes of this trip.

The itinerary of this party as now laid out is as follows:—

Leave San Francisco March 5, arrive Yokohama March 22, visit Tokyo, leave Kobe March 25, arrive Manila March 30 and at Hongkong on the s.s. Mongolia April 4; visit Canton and Macao and leave Hongkong on the s.s. Mongolia April 11, arrive Shanghai April 14, proceed to Nanking, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Mukden, Port Arthur, Seoul and Fusan, thence proceed to Shimoda, arriving there May 3 and proceeding thence to Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, Shizuoka, Yokohama Tokyo and Nikko, leaving Yokohama per the s.s. Korea May 21, 1914.

and so is the Berlin theatre; but the Bois in Paris, the old buildings and canals of Amsterdam, the banks of the Danube at Budapest, and the Carlton at New Year's Eve supper in London—these are splendid. As to the drinks and the ladies in the drinks, they are all of the very latest and the very, very finest. And so, when "After the Girl" has been pruned a little (for it is rather too long at present), it will rouse every night the enthusiasm that greeted it on the first. —Observer.

FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Commander	Reported at
Alacrity	Despatch-boat	1,700	12	2,000	Comdr. A. Cochran	Hongkong
Atlas	Admiralty tug	710	2	900	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. B. E. Pritchard	Yangtze
Britomart	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Hongkong
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Chernob	Water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Penang
Hampshire	1st class cruiser	10,850	10	20,500	Capt. M. R. Hill	Weihaiwei
Kinab	River gunboat	616	4	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Yangtze
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,040	—	—	Capt. F. C. O. Pasco	Labuan
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kiddle	Weihaiwei
Monmouth	1st class cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Bartlett	Weihaiwei
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Shanghai
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. R. W. Murray	Yangtze
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. R. W. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Ribble	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Weihaiwei
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Rosario	Depotship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Canton
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Snake	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6,000	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Guy Stopford	Yangtze
Thistle	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. E. Cotrell	Yangtze
Uk	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Weihaiwei
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	355	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Weihaiwei
Welland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Weihaiwei
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	6	5,000	Lt.-Com. R. Neville	Weihaiwei
Widgeon	Gunboat	135	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. J. O. Borrett	Yangtze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Yangtze
O. 36	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. McGillivray	Hongkong
O. 37	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. J. Gaimies	Hongkong
O. 38	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Pope	Hongkong
T.B. 035	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Handley	West River
T.B. 036	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Stileman	Hongkong
T.B. 037	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Nicol	Hongkong
T.B. 038	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong
* Flagship of Admiral Jerram, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. Commander-in-Chief.						
Kaiser Franz	Armoured cruiser	4,000	45	8,000	Capt. Hauta	Shanghai

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON NORTH CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

French.						
Duplex	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Vergos	Shanghai
Kleier	Armoured cruiser	9,700	12	19,800	Capt. Goutis	Hongkong
Leodee	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	River gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jervillier	Orkney
Feiho	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Duteemps	Tokong-kin
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Bolux	Saigon
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Bolux	Saigon
Styx	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lieut. Gaillaume-Louis	Saigon
Ronde	Destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
d'Irville	Destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Ronissen	Hongkong
Pistole	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Mousquet	Destroyer	307	6	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Manche	Surveying-ship	1,625	10	9,000	Comr. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Comdr. de Boucaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.						

German.

mden	Cruiser	3,800	22	13,500	Capt. v. Muller	Tsingtau
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,600	38	26,000	Captain Brunningshaus	Tsingtau
Ilis	Gunboat	800	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Canton
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Luring	Shanghai
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Haun	Tsingtau
Luchs	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Thierichen	Hankow
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tsingtau
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Friele	Yangtze
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,800	38	26,000	Capt. Rosing	Tsingtau
S. 90	Torpedo-boat	400	18	6,500	Capt. Lt. Brunner	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Obit. z. S. v. Maubengo	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Becker	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lt. v. Moller	Canton
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Obit. z. S. Dressler	Yangtze

Portuguese.

Adamsator	Cruiser	1,757	—	—	Capt. Annibal de S. Dias	Hongkong
Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria	Gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. Luiz A. de Magalhaes Correa	Macao

UNITED STATES VESSELS.

A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign G. Bradford	Cavite
A-4	—	—	—	—	Ensign W. H. Pastley	—
A-6	—	—	—	—	Ensign H. L. Rahel Daffier	—
A-7	—	—	—	—	Ensign O. M. Yates	—
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. R. A. Spruance	Cavite
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. O. S. Keller	—
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
Chaunoy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign Woodson	Cavite
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. J. V. Chase	Cruising
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign F. T. Berry	Cavite
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign L. Cogswell	—
Eleazar	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Helen	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,983	Com. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Mohican	Station ship	1,900	6	1,100	Lieut. V. R. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	Monitor	3,990	6	3,000	Com. W. C. Cole	Olongap
Monterey	Monitor	4,034	4	5,277	Com. W. C. Cole	Olongap
Pampano	Gunboat	243	8	—	Ensign E. J. Peyton	Cav Canton
Piscataqua	Sea going tug	854	2	1,800	—	—
Pompey	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	—	—

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, Mar. 23, 1914.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Meat	Price
Beef Sirloin & Prime Neck—Mei Lung Pa	lb. 18
" Corned—Ham—gan Yuk	18
" Roast—Shiu	18
" Breast—Nagu Lam	12
" Soup—Tong Yuk	15
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	18
" do.—Sirloin Ootom—Ngau Lau	23
" Sausages—Ngau Chuan	20
Butcher's Brains—Know	per set 10
Tongue fresh—Ngau Yuk	each 45
" corned—Ham—Ngau Lau	55
Head—Ngau Tan	60
Heart—Ngau Sum	12
Hump—Salt—Ngau Kiu	15
Feet—Ngau Kiu	18
Kidneys—Ngau Yau	8
Tail—Ngau Mei	9
Liver—Ngau Kon	18
Tripe (unadressed)—Ngau Tai	12
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau-chai-tu-hark	each 8
Mutton Chop—Young-Pai-Kwat	lb. 21
" Leg—Young-Pai	25
" Shoulder—Young-Pai	25
Pigs' Chitlings—Chu Ohong	22
" Brains—Chu Know	per set 27
" Feet—Chu Kark	lb. 2
" Fry—Chu Ohak	12
" Head—Chu Tau	3
" Heart—Chu Sum	each 18
" Kidneys—Chu Yiu	pair 10
" Liver—Chu Con	lb. 8
Pork Chop—Chu-Pai-Kwat	24
" Corned—Ham—Chu-Yuk	23
" Leg—Chu Pa	27
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	24
Sheep Head and Feet—Chu Tai Kiek	each 30
" Heart—Young-Pai	each 85
" Kidneys—Young-Pai	7
" Liver—Young-Pai	9
Sucking Pigs—To Order—Chu Ohak	25
Sust. Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	22
Mutton—Sang Young Yau	18
Veal—Ngau Ohai-Yuk	25
" Sausages—Ngau Ohai Chuan	18

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FRUITS.

Fruit	Price
Almonds—Hung Yau	lb. 30
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	20
" (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Kho	20
" Small—Hoi Tong	—
" Custard—Fan Lai Oh	each
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb. 3
" (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu	3
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lat	12
Carambola—Young Tuo	—
Cocoanuts—Yeh Tuo	each 12
Lemons, China—Ning Moong	lb. 8
" America—Kum San Ning Moong	8
Lichees Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone	30
" Fresh	—
Limes (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong	each
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Moong	—
Mangosteens—San Chuk Tse	doz
Oranges (Canton)—San-shing Tin Ching	lb. 5
" Sweet	6
Pears (American)—Kam San Shook Lay	—
" (Canton), Cooking—Sai Lay	12
Peanuts—Fa Sang	10
Persimmons Large—Hung Ohie	—
Pine-apples, 1st quality—Foon Ti Paw Law	each 10
" 2nd—Chung-tung Paw Law	8
Plantain—Tai Chou	lb. —
Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai	—
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	each 12
" Shanghai—Lo Kwat	—
Walnuts—Hop Tuo	lb. 15
" Green—Sang Hop Tuo	—
Water Melon—(Am.) Kam San Sai Kwa	each
" (China) Sai Kwa	—
Grapes—Sang Po Tai Tse	lb. 20

菓子

POULTRY.

Poultry	Price
Chicken—Kai Chai	lb. 32
Capon, Large, Small—Siu Kai	32
Ducks—Ap	25
Doves—Pan Kau	each 18
Eggs—Hen—Kai Tan	per doz. 20
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb. 36
" Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	—
Geese—Ngai	28
Goose, Wild—Shang-ho Yau Ngai	—
Mus Deer—Wong Kang	each \$600
Partridge—Chu Ohai	65
Partridge—Chu Khoo	65
Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair 1.60
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kip	each 34
" Hoihow—Hoi How Pak Kip	28
Quail—Um Chiu	18
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Ohai	dozen
Snipe—Sa Ohoy	each 24
Turkeys, Cook—Phor Kai Kang	lb. 70
" Hen	55
Wild Ducks, Shanghai—Shang-hoi Sai Ap	\$1.30
" eal—Sui Ap Ohai	45
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui Ap	85

生口

VEGETABLES, &c.

Vegetables	Price
Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chai	lb. 8
Beans (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tau	15
" (French) Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Pin	—
" Tau	12
Sprout—Ah Chai	8
Long—Yau Ko	—
Beet Root—Hung Ohai Tau	each 8
Broad Beans—Ching Yuen	each 8
Rad—Hung Ker	—
Cabbage, Chinese, com—Kai Choy	12
Cabbage Red—Hung Yeh Choy	—
Cabbages, Shanghai—Yeh Chai	—
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kam Shun	lb. 12
Carrots—Large size—Tai Yeh Chai	each 18
" Medium size—Cheung Yeh Chai	15
" Small size—Sai Yen Chai	12
Carrots—Kam Shun	lb. 8
Calary, Chinese—Tung Kan Chai	—
English—Young Kan Chai	—
Chillies Dried—Gon Lat Chiu	30
" Red—Hung Fat Chiu	12
" Green—Ching Lay Chiu	12
Curry Stuff, English—Kai Lee Chiu Lin	10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	8
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	12
Garlic—Que Tau	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung	8
" old—Lo Keung	8
Horseradish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	15
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	each 7
Lettuce—Young Sang Chai	—
Water Cress—Ma Tai	lb. 0
" Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	8
Mushrooms, Fresh—Sang Oh Koo	30
Mush Melon, Amer.—Kam San Hong Kwa	each
Okrae—Hoi	lb. 12
Onions Bombay—Young Chong Tau	8
" Green—Sang Chong	—
" Shanghai—Shang-hoi Chong Tau	6
Papaya, 1st qual.—Tai Man Sam Kwa	each
" 2nd Chong	—
Parsley—Kam Oh	—
Green Peas—Ching Tau	lb. 15
Potatoes, Sweet—Kam Shun	—
" Shanghai—Shang-hoi Shu Tse	—
" Japan—Yut Poon Shu Tse	3
" American—Fa Ki Shu Tse	—
" Foochow—Fook-chow Shu Tse	—
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	—
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	12
Sage—Tao So	—
Shallots—Gon Chong Tau	8
Spinach—Yin Chai	—
Tomatoes—Fai Ker	6
" Wa Tau	—
Turnip (Funt) (Long)—Lo Pak	4
" English—Young Lo Pak	—
Vegetable Marrow—Chai Kwa	—
" (African)—Kam San Chai Kwa	—
Water Cress—Sai Young Chai	15
" Lily root—Lun Ngai	—
Yams—Tsai Shu	—

菜蔬

海鮮

Seafood	Price
Barbel—Ka Yu	lb. 9
Bream—Bin Yu	17
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Shai Yu	17
Carp—Li Yu	8
Catfish—Chik Yu	24
Codfish—Man Yu	17
Crabs—Hoi	1
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu	4
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	24
Dace—Wong Mei Lun	15
Dog Fish—Hoi Yu	14
Eels, Conger—Hoi Mann	10
" Fresh water—Tam Sin Yu	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	16
Frog—Tien Kai	30
Garoupa—Sek Pan	30
Gudgeon—Pak Kip Yu	32
Herrings—Tao Pak	55
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kip	20
Lobster—Wong Yu	28
Loach—Wu Yu	18
Lobsters—Yung Ha	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	28
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	20
Mullet—Ohai Yu	32
Oysters—Sang Hoi	24
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	20
Perch—Tau Loo	16
Pike—Fa Pau Pong	18
Plaice—Yan Yu	19
Pomfret, Black—Hak Ohong	23
Pomfret, White—Pak Ohong	23
Prawns—Ming Ha	28
Quail—Hoi Yu	70

CANTON NEWS.

From our own Correspondent.

Canton March 28.
On the 20th inst. at 11 p.m. a fire occurred in Cheung Shan-li in Sai K wan. It was not got under until 1.40 a.m. Eighteen houses, including one in a side street, were entirely gutted. The shop in which the fire broke out was Chen Loong-lai which was not insured. The outbreak was due to a lamp falling to the ground. Three thieves were caught during the fire.

Models for Silver Coins.
The steel weighing 8145 pounds, which the Director of the Mint ordered from foreign firms in Hongkong, has now been delivered in Canton. It will be made into 200 models for coining silver coins.

On Currency Notes.
In reply to the letter of the Civil Administrator about currency notes Mr. Liu Chi-pak said that the only means of maintaining currency notes are (1) To establish banks (2) To raise national loans. Without these means no success can be obtained.

Meeting in Chu-Chow.
A telegram was received from Ng Cheung-tak, Head of the Tranquillity Bureau of Chu-chow saying that twenty of the mutineers escaped and about half of them returned. All the arms have been restored and there is now peace.

To Protect Telegraph Wires.
In view of the numerous cases of stealing telegraph posts and wires, reported from the telegraph offices of some provinces, the Minister of Communication has adopted means for protecting them. The means are as follows:—(1) To arrest the thieves for stealing the posts and cutting the wires. (2) To give rewards to persons who have arrested those thieves. (3) To notify the people of the villages to protect the posts and the wires. (4) To punish the people who neglect to protect the posts and wires.

Chinese Loan.
The interest due and drawn bonds of the Chinese Imperial Government seven per cent. silver loan of 1898, E. are now payable at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

POST OFFICE BOXES.

To-morrow the new Post Office regulation comes into force in connection with the delivery of letters. The notification which was published some time back states that the postmen will call only at the front door of private houses to deliver correspondence. Should boxes be provided they will place the correspondence in them and then ring the bell twice to indicate that they have called. Where no letter boxes are provided they will ring once and hand the correspondence to the person who answers the door. In the case of business premises they will hand the correspondence to the office-messengers if present and if not place it in the firm's box.

LAWN TENNIS.

Hongkong Cricket Club Tournament.

The following are the results to date in the tennis tournament arranged by the Hongkong Cricket Club:—

Championship singles:—A. H. Crook beat W. H. Ford, 6-2, 2-6, 3-6, 6-3; O. Willson beat A. R. Linton 7-5, 6-2, 8-6.
Singles Handicap:—"B" Class, 2nd round:—G. Miskin over 3-6, beat R. O. Hutchinson over 6-3, 6-3; Third Round, C. O. Clarke over 2-6 beat J. R. Wood over 2-0, 4-0, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles Handicap: third round:—Murphy and Sandford over 5-6, beat Col. Dyer and Palmer over 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Professional: First second round:—E. Hancock and R. D. Stewart beat R. J. Clarke and J. O. Beattie 6-3, 6-0; Joseland and Bonch beat Beavis and Willaya 7-5, 6-3.

BANDMANN OPERA CO.

"Step this Way"—a Novel Production.

The presentation of "Step this Way" at the Theatre Royal last evening by the Bandmann Opera Company was as successful as it was novel. The introduction of anything following the lines of a French revue on the English stage was something to be followed with the keenest interest, and the very fact that the innovation has proved popular is the surest indication that the move was well suited to the palates of the British theatre-going public. The introduction of a platform allowing of entrance to the stage by way of the auditorium allowed of several new things in the way of songs and permitted of a closer association between the artists and the audience. Of plot, there is none; it is a musical melange which tests the capacities of every member of the lengthy cast, and moves with a rapidity that leaves a pleasing impression when the curtain goes down for the last time. To do full justice to the many turns presented would make long reading, but special mention must be made of the comic element, which was in the capable hands of Mr. Jimmy Hooper and Mr. Bobby Roberts, who rose to great heights in the statue burlesque. The best item of the programme was "Sumurun," which was effectively staged, Mr. Alce Worchester as the lover and Miss Beatrice Rowe as Sumurun were both excellent as was also Miss Nellie Lomas as Little Miss Importance. The last named lady proved herself a fine dancer as Gaby des Lys and was responsible for some fine fooling with Mr. Bobby Roberts who appeared as the shade of Sir Francis Drake. Rag-time, of which the melange is full, was in the hands of Miss Ethel Beech whose vivacious singing proved one of the features of the evening. Miss Addie Lennard, an old favourite, was at the top of her form. She sang well and danced better, both her entrances being accorded encores. Mr. Fred Coyne as Get-rich-quick Wallingford was always in the picture and with Misses Kendal and Sinclair, and Mr. Walter Elagert gave a laughable review of "Baby Mine" an item which called forth rounds of applause. "Step this way" is being repeated this evening and it certainly deserves as full a house as it drew last night.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Sinere & Co.	\$25
Wing On & Co.	25
A. S. G.	20
Ma Ying-pure	20
J. M. Alves & Co.	10
W. S. Brown	10
The Pharmacy	10
Mr. Chan-kur	10
H. G.	5
Sing On & Co.	5

"BUBBLES" R.N.

Soap Baby now a Naval Officer. Everybody knows "Bubbles," the famous picture owned by Pears' Soap and painted by Sir John Millais. The splendid boy blowing bubbles was his grandchild.

But see "Bubbles" in 1914. Mr. T. J. Barratt, the chairman of Pears, writes to the Times, saying:—
There is no femininity about "Bubbles"; on the contrary, he is now a stalwart officer in his Majesty's Navy and has recently called at these offices to see the portrait painted of him when a child by his grandfather Sir John Millais.

Sourabaya Exhibition.
The Colonial Exhibition to be held at Sourabaya from August to November of this year promises to be a great success. It is said that the Dutch East Indian Government intends to grant a subsidy of £100,000. This, together with the funds already subscribed by private firms, the proceeds of a lottery, &c., have brought the available funds up to about £435,000.

TERCENTENARY OF COMMERCE.

New York To Celebrate 300 Years As Port Of Ships.

New York city is celebrating this year the 300th anniversary of the beginning of chartered commerce at the port. The committee making the arrangements is headed by Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, chairman, Mr. Herman Ridder, first vice-president, and Mr. Edward H. Hall, as secretary, and includes as members more than one hundred prominent citizens of the State. The celebration will continue six months and will include features to commemorate the completion of the Panama Canal and the one hundred years of peace between English-speaking people.

Although the public had not recently been aroused to the celebration, the date of commencement was announced. The opening date was Friday, March 27, when the programme calls for a "great universal religious service of praise and thanksgiving for the blessings of three centuries of progress," and another large mass meeting at which the keynote of the long celebration to follow shall be sounded. The date of March 27 is the 300th anniversary of granting of the first general charter for regular commerce with what is now New York by the States General of the United Netherlands.

During April and May the celebration will be confined to commemorative exercises in institutions of learning. During June, July, and August it is proposed to hold a series of exhibitions of the material resources of the various States of the Union.

The celebration will assume another broad phase during the week of September 14 with a musical festival on a large scale to commemorate the centennial of peace between the English-speaking peoples. The celebration will close on October 11, the 300th anniversary of the granting of the first special charter for trading to New Netherlands. This date falls on a Sunday, and will be given over to religious observance of the anniversary.

VOTING SCANDAL.

How Ireland Scores Twice Over.

The annual return showing the total number of electors in each class on the Parliamentary register now in force has been issued and it gives a grand total for the United Kingdom of 8,131,263, an increase of 123,238 since last year. The electorate of England and Wales is 6,620,219, an increase of 84,157; Scotland, 862,946, an increase of 42,803; and Ireland 698,098, a decrease of 3,522.

These figures illustrate to a more startling degree than before the disparity between the representation in the House of Commons of the and the rest of the United Kingdom.

Ireland has now reached a point at which every voter has twice the power that a voter in England and Wales has.

That is to say, every member of Parliament for England and Wales represents on the average twice as many electors as a member for Ireland. These are the respective proportions of representation:—

England and Wales, 1 member for 13,374 electors.

Scotland, 1 member for 11,985 electors.

Ireland, 1 member for 6,777 electors.

Romford (60,138) easily maintains its position as the largest constituency in the Kingdom. The Harrow Division, which was third in size last year, is now second with 45,594, having displaced Walthamstow, 44,455.

Other big constituencies, returning only one member are:—Wandsworth, 40,964; Wimbledon, 33,280; Tottenham, 33,107; Enfield, 32,980; Hammersmith, 32,124; Stratford, 31,711; and Cardiff District, 30,762.

The smallest electorates in England and Wales are: Darham City, 2,392; and Bury St. Edmunds, 2,888. Wick, in Scotland, has 2,954 voters.

Ireland contains the three smallest areas in the British Isles, Kilkeany with only 1,872 voters, Newry 1,844, and Galway 2,489.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

BACON & HAM

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The captains of all the boat clubs in the Schuylkill navy, business men, and representatives of almost all the schools and colleges were at the dinner. They are all enthusiastic over the prospects of the city having Olympic crews. Among those who are taking an active part in the work are Mr. George F. Pawling, president of the Middle Atlantic Association, Amateur Athletic Union, Mr. George W. Orton, coach of the track and cross-country teams of the University of Pennsylvania; Mr. William A. Stecher, director of physical education of the Philadelphia public schools, and Mr. W. J. Hermann, physical training expert.

Material for the crews is being obtained from schools, colleges, gymnasiums, and boat clubs in the city. Many athletes have already applied for admission to the rowing squad. Among them are a number of oarsmen who have rowed on eight-oared shells of the University of Pennsylvania and high-school crews. It is planned to allow the candidates who fail to make the Pennsylvania "varsity" crews to try for the Olympic crew. No coach has been chosen for the candidates, but Mr. G. H. Orton has offered his services as trainer. The course over which the men will row is 1 mile 650 yards.

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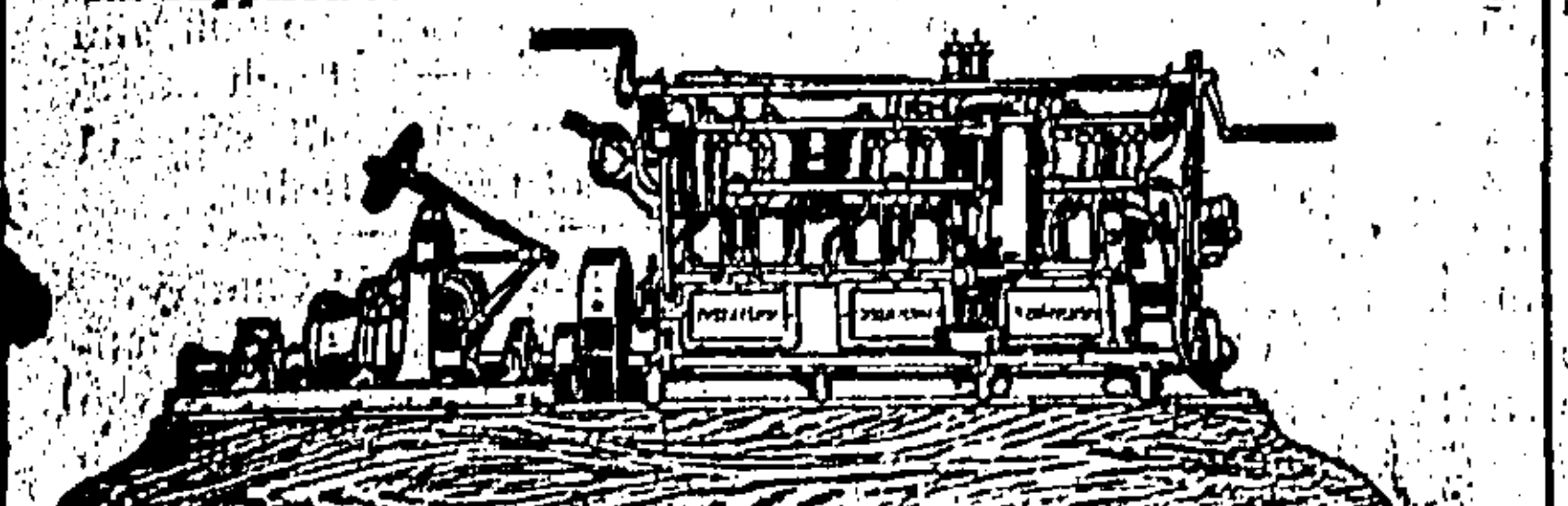
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Havre, Emden and Hamburg	Tuebingen	N. D. L.	E. of M.
Bremen	R. V. F.	P. & O.	1. Apr.
Odessa via Port of Call	Malta	H. A. L.	3. Apr.
London & Awerp via S'pore etc.	Aragonia	H. A. L.	4. Apr.
Dunkirk, R'dam & Hamburg	Assyria	S. W. Co.	6. Apr.
Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Chilli	M. M.	7. Apr.
T'te, Flume V'ce, via S'pore etc.	Amazona	M. M. Co.	7. Apr.
Marseilles via S'gon, S'pore, C'bo.	Alesia	H. A. L.	8. Apr.
Port Said	Mer'shire	J. M. Co.	8. Apr.
Havre & Hamburg &c.	Kano M.	N. Y. K.	8. Apr.
London and Antwerp	Arabia	P. & O.	11. Apr.
M'les, L'don, Awerp via S'pore etc.	Koerber	S. W. Co.	15. Apr.
London, via Usual Ports of Call	Bayern	H. A. L.	23. Apr.
Trieste, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, etc.	Lothringen	N. D. L.	M. of Apr.
Havre, Bremen & Hamburg	Thuringen	N. D. L.	6. May
Marseilles, Antwerp, R'dam	Brigavia	H. A. L.	6. May
Bremen Hamburg	Sigmaringen	M. Co.	16. May
Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Card'shire	J. M. Co.	18. May
Hamburg & Bremen	Dumbes	V. M.	19. May
London, Rotterdam & Antwerp	Gornis	N. D. L.	5. of May
Marseilles via Ports	Nile	P. M. Co.	31. Mar.
Havre, P'unkirk, Emden and Hamburg/Bremen	Mexico M.	O. S. K.	1. Apr.
	E. of India	C. P. R.	2. Apr.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

San F'co via Manila & Japan &c.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	4. Apr.
V'toria, B.C., & T'ma via S'hai &c.	Atholl	D. L. Co.	4. Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai and Japan	R. Dollar	R. D. Co.	4. Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai and Japan	Den of	J. M. Co.	5. Apr.
San Francisco, via S'hai, Japan, etc.	Ruthven	N. Y. K.	7. Apr.
Japan and Honolulu	Monteagle	C. P. R.	8. Apr.
San Francisco and San Pedro	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	8. Apr.
Tacoma, Vancouver Seattle, etc.	Seiyo M.	T. K. K.	11. Apr.
V'toria, B.C. S'le via Shanghai &c.	Hoerde	H. A. L.	14. Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai and Japan	E. of Asia	O. P. R.	16. Apr.
V'toria, B.C., T'ma via S'hai &c.	Chicago M.	O. S. K.	16. Apr.
San F'co via S'hai & Japan &c.	H'kong M.	T. K. K.	25. Apr.
New York via Suez Canal	Afghan P.	A. K. Co.	25. Apr.
San Francisco and San Pedro	M. S. Dollar	R. D. Co.	28. Apr.
V'toria, V'v'er, S'le, T. & P.	Glenloch	J. M. Co.	3. May
San F'co via S'hai & Japan &c.	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	11. May
San Francisco	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	19. May
Victoria, V'v'er, S'le & P'land	C'shire	J. M. Co.	28. May

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	8. Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	9. Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	P. Sigmund	M. & Co.	18. Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	Taiyuan	B. & S.	22. Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	Aldenharn	G. L. Co.	1. May
Australian Ports via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	6. May
Aust alia	Empire	G. L. Co.	29. May

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN

Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Koerber	S. W. Co.	1. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Brigavia	H. A. L.	1. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Sosha Maru	O. S. K.	1. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hangsang	J. M. Co.	1. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Persia	S. W.	2. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	2. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Ahui	B. & S.	2. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Princess A.	M. Co.	2. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Salmis	B. L.	2. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Namsang	J. M. Co.	3. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Namur	P. & O.	3. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Loksang	J. M. Co.	3. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hsiching	D. L. Co.	3. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kaifong	B. & S.	3. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	4. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Uckermark	H. A. L.	5. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Paul Lecat	M. M.	5. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Java M.	O. S. K.	5. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kanagawa M.	N. Y. K.	6. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kawachi M.	N. Y. K.	6. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Lovat	J. M. Co.	7. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Liangchow	B. & S.	7. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Teau	B. & S.	7. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	8. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Borneo	M. Co.	9. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Delta	P. & O.	9. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	9. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	11. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Zafiro	S. T. Co.	11. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Sanuki	N. Y. K.	11. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Torilla	A. N. Co.	12. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kobe (direct)	D. S. Co.	18. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Jinsen	N. Y. K.	22. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Altmark	H. A. L.	5. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	P. Waldemar	J. M. Co.	28. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Chipshing	J. M. Co.	29. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Wberg	H. A. L.	1. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Furst Bulow	H. A. L.	1. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Segovia	H. A. L.	11. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Emden	H. A. L.	21. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Sambha	H. A. L.	21. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Frisia	H. A. L.	22. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Silesta	H. A. L.	18. June
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Tijlatap	J. O. J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Tijkin	J. O. J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Tijpinas	J. O. J. L.	Q. desp.
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessels
Shanghai	Koerber
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Straits	Halmun
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From	Vessels
Sandakan	Borneo
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CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. s.s. EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived Vancouver on the 25th inst. between 2 & 4 p.m.

The C.P.R. s.s. EMPRESS OF ASIA left Vancouver on the 20th inst.

The C.P.R. s.s. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA left Yokohama on the 28th Mar. between 4 & 6 a.m.

The C.P.R. s.s. EMPRESS OF ASIA was 1320 miles from Yokohama on the 27th March at midnight, is due to arrive at Yokohama on the 31st March at 6 a.m. and will leave Yokohama on the 31st Mar. at 3 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The s.s. ALDENHAM left Sydney for this port (via Queensland Ports & Manila) on 11th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 4th April.

The s.s. PRINZ SIGISMUND left Manila on the 29th March and may be expected here on or about the 1st of Apr.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. MONGOLIA carrying mails from the United States left Yokohama at noon on the 24th March and is scheduled to arrive at Hongkong on the 4th April.

The T. K. K. s.s. NIPPON MARU will leave Hongkong for San Francisco via Manila, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on the 8th April at 10.30 a.m.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. PRINCESS ALICE carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 4th March left Singapore on Sunday 7 a.m. and may be expected here on or about 2nd April at 3 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAGA MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 8th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAWACHI MARU (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 28th March and is expected here on the 4th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KANAGAWA MARU (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 28th March and is expected here on the 4th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TANGO MARU (Australian Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji & Nagasaki on the 28th Mar. and is expected here on the 6th Apr.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NIKKO MARU (Australian Line) left Thana, Is. for this port via Manila on the 28th March and is expected here on the 6th April.

The Mogul Line s.s. LOTHIAN sailed from United Kingdom on the 1st ult. for Hongkong via Straits and is due to arrive here about the 3rd April.

The Barber Line s.s. CHALISTER sailed from New York on the 4th ult. for Hongkong.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. LOVAT from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 4th April.

The S.L. s.s. MERIONETHSHIRE from Vancouver is due at Hongkong on the 7th April.

The S.L. s.s. DEN OF RUTHVEN from London passed the Canal and inst. is due at Hongkong on the 2nd April.

The s.s. GLENTURRET passed the Suez Canal on the 13th inst. for Hongkong via Straits.

The East Asiatic Co., Ltd. s.s. CATHAY has left Fort Said and may be expected here on or about the 14th of April.

The A. A. S. Co. s.s. INDRANI passed the Suez Canal on the 17th inst. for Hongkong direct.

The Mogul Line s.s. MONTROSE left United Kingdom for Hongkong via Straits on the 23rd inst. and is expected to arrive here on or about the 7th May.

The s.s. BORNEO left Sandakan on the 25th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 1st April.

The N. D. L. s.s. SIGMARINGEN left Singapore on the 28th March at 6 a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 3rd April.

The H. A. L. s.s. SACHSEN left Shanghai on the 28th inst. a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst. a.m.

The s.s. DUNERA from Yokohama and Kobe left Moji on the 28th March and may be expected here on or about the 1st April.

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VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Seang Bee, Br. s.s. 3784 J. Savile, 17th inst. - Singapore, Gen. - Chinese.

Tyllaja, Dut. s.s. 6001, F. E. C. v. Schenbeck, 17th inst. - Bangkok, 10th inst. Sugar, J. C. J. L.

Triumph, Ger. s.s. 768, Langethia, 11th inst. - Halphong, 15th inst. Gen. - T. and Co.

Chingchow, Br. s.s. 1905, Doyle, 19th inst. - Kwang-yon, 16th inst. Cement - Stone - T. & Co.

Nile, Br. s.s. 3135, G. S. Lapraik, 19th inst. - San Francisco, 16th ult. Gen. - P. M. Co.

Suedmark, Ger. s.s. 3369, S. Karberg, 19th inst. - Manila, 16th inst. Gen. - H. A. L.

Gornis, Ger. s.s. 5555, J. Henkon, 19th inst. - Singapore, 22nd inst. Gen. - Order.

Hoerde, Ger. s.s. 3358, Henson, 20th inst. - Singapore, 13th inst. Gen. - H. A. L.

Monteagle, Br. s.s. 3553, A. J. Halley, 20th inst. - Shanghai, 17th inst. Gen. - C. P. R. Co.

Halvard, Norw. s.s. 1056, C. Beck, 21st inst. - Balekpapan 13th inst. Gen. - T. and Co.

Tenyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 13454, Ernest Bent, 21st inst. - Shanghai, 19th inst. Gen. - T. K. K.

Satsuma, Br. s.s. 2680, F. G. Firmin, 21st inst. - New York, 14th Jan. Gen. - D. & Co.

Tijpanas, Dut. s.s. 2444, A. Oldenburger, 21st inst. - Java, 21st inst. Gen. - J. C. J. L.

Daglin, Norw. s.s. 896, A. T. Salvesen, 22nd inst. - Saigon, 15th inst. Rice etc. - Order.

Leantes, Br. s.s. 1340, Wawn, 24th inst. - Saigon, 19th inst. Rice & Gen. - Chinese.

Varg, Norw. s.s. 879, J. Jansen, 25th inst. - Bangkok, 15th inst. Rice - Chinese.

Keong Wal, Ger. s.s. 1115, R. Petros, 25th inst. - Bangkok, 20th inst. Rice & Wood - B. & S.

Rangoon Maru, Jap. s.s. 3316, Y. Kamashita, 25th inst. - Moji, 20th inst. Gen. - N. Y. K.

Tattori Maru, Jap. s.s. 3755, A. E. Moser, 26th inst. - Singapore, 20th inst. Gen. - N. Y. K.

Ambien, Ger. s.s. 3007, C. van Delna, 27th inst. - Copenhagen, 27th Jan. Gen. - M. & Co.

Benvorlich, Br. s.s. Smith, 27th inst. - Singapore, 21st inst. Gen. - C. J. & Co.

Feralese, Br. s.s. 1905, Appleton, 25th inst. - Ching-wan-tao, 19th inst. Coal - D. & Co.

Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s. 3452, A. G. Stevens, 27th inst. - San Francisco, 27th ult. Gen. - T. K. K.

Outaka, Br. s.s. 1709, B. W. O. Pritchard, 26th inst. - New Castle, 1st inst. Coal - D. & Co.

Petchaburi, Ger. s.s. 737, C. Goswold, 27th inst. - Bangkok, 18th inst. Rice - B. & S.

E. of India, Br. s.s. 3032, F. L. Davison, 27th inst. - Vancouver, 7th inst. Gen. - C. P. R.

Glenfalloch, Br. s.s. 1434, Gardner, 27th inst. - Singapore, 21st inst. Gen. - Chinese.

Kagohima Maru, Jap. s.s. 2731, Minami-kawa, 27th inst. - Moji, 21st inst. Coal - D. & Co.

Machew, Ger. s.s. 998, Falmer, 28th inst. - Halphong, 27th inst. Rice - B. & S.

Matsura Maru, Jap. s.s. 1995, Kobayashi, 27th inst. - Wakamatsu, 21st inst. Coal - M. B. G. K.

Miyu Maru, Jap. s.s. 920, H. Tachibana, 27th inst. - Bangkok, 17th inst. Rice and Flour - Japanese.

Salamia, Br. s.s. 2054, D. A. Gardiner, 27th inst. - Bangkok, 20th inst. Coal & Rice - B. L.

Anhui, Br. s.s. 1359, J. B. Harow, 30th Mar. - Shanghai, 26th Mar. Gen. - B. & S.

Awa Maru, Jap. s.s. 3912, S. Tonimaga, 29th inst. - Shanghai, 26th inst. Gen. - N. Y. K.

Bonslder, Br. s.s. 1959, J. Mason, 29th Mar. - Karatsu, 23rd Mar. Coal - G. L. & Co.

Cheongshing, Br. s.s. 1256, V. Liddell, 28th inst. - Wei-hai-wei, Gen. - J. M. & Co.

Chowlat, Ger. s.s. 1115, E. Gathemann, 29th inst. - Bangkok, 22nd Mar. Rice - B. & S.

Haiyang, Br. s.s. 1362, A. E. Hodgins, 28th inst. - Swatow, 27th inst. Gen. - D. L. & Co.

Hanci, Fr. s.s. Chevalier, 28th inst. - Halphong, 25th inst. Gen. - A. R. Marty.

Idomeneus, Br. s.s. 6092, W. W. Wallace, 30th inst. - Shanghai, 27th Mar. Gen. - B. & S.

Kwangsue, Br. s.s. 1226, G. J. Spink, 30th Mar. - Saigon, 25th Mar. Gen. - B. & S.

Lotsang, Br. s.s. 972, D. W. Ritchie, 30th Mar. - Daini, 24th Mar. Gen. - J. M. & Co.

Namsang, Br. s.s. 2591, H. M. Gilroy, 30th Mar. - 25th inst. - Coal & Gen. - J. M. & Co.

Nelus, Br. s.s. 4360, Maclean, 28th inst. - Shanghai, 26th Mar. Gen. - B. & S.

Rajah, Ger. s.s. 1375, O. Roschky, 29th inst. - Sarawak, 21st Mar. Timber - N. D. L.

Rubi, Am. s.s. 1406, James Miller, 30th Mar. - Manila, 27th inst. Gen. - S. T. & Co.

Scandia, Ger. s.s. 2853, F. Joehms, 28th Mar. - Shanghai, 24th Mar. Gen. - H. A. L.

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No. 10000 Dividend.
Messrs. Houlston and Co. report having received a cable from the secretaries of the Nordanal (Shore) Rubber Estates, Limited, advising that the directors' report has been issued, recommending a dividend of 7½ per cent., making 12 per cent. for the year, at \$15,000 has been placed to reserve for developments, and \$347 carried forward.

Manchester's African Trade.

Manchester shippers engaged in the Red Sea and East African market report that trade in the various specialties of grey and coloured goods is decidedly dull. Business in the low grades of white and dyed goods can be done if merchants would accept the lower prices that the coast traders offer for their usual makes. Prints and woven cloths also are saleable only at unsatisfactory rates. Jeddah, Aden, and some of the minor ports are somewhat better in grey sheetings and cabots of machine-made, although the well-known American qualities still in favour with the native trade. The United States goods are now high in price, and there is a marked absence of stock lots in the stores of the importing merchants. The Syrian trade in 36in. 30 yard sheeting shows little improvement. The Cairo and Alexandria merchants in this trade have fair stocks on hand, and they are waiting more favourable news from the interior. The Jibuti trade, however, report that the sales of waist shawls and shawls have recently been effected, principally in Continental cloth. Plain and dyed calicoes are now also to compete with Italian manufacturers, who are consignments through Aden, which are sold cheap in the Sudan and Abyssinia. Embassa is now an increasing port both for Manchester and Bombay goods, and considerable quantities of all classes of textiles are forwarded to Uganda, Nigeria, and other parts of Central Africa.

Shanghai Cotton Market.

Mr. A. B. Rosenfeld, Shanghai, has as follows in his cotton market report for the week ended 19th inst.
China Cotton.—During the last part of the week the cotton market was rather a dull affair, no feature of special importance, and prices gradually declined about half-a-dozen points from the level of a week ago, but when the apathy seemed to have interior holders resumed active operations, and aided by a lighter movement of actual sales, succeeded in causing a recovery among the opposing forces, with the result that the market has been fully recovered. Sellers' takings have been fair scale, and their position (all of them having a large amount of stock of cotton on hand) is certainly not as not to warrant any attempt to force excessive prices. Commitments from the interior are anything but encouraging, the average for the week being 600 piculs per diem. The change of this movement is inherent strength of season, in consequence of which country growers are biding time in watching future developments in the general situation before going in headlong for seed cotton.
Under the circumstances there is little to be said as to the outlook for price changes in the future. These will depend on the yarn market from day to day, and as the attempts of operation will be more and more in the way of discounting the yield of 1913-14, while the question of what remains (another factor that should not be lost sight of) will also be governed by that factor. Local mills now have large reserves of stocks, and while they continue to take cotton as long as it can be obtained at reasonable prices, any endeavour to force their position would be met by a withdrawal from the market. With the future so dependent on the above conditions, I must confess there is no decided opinion as to the future course of prices. Tone of the market, steady.

FRENCH GUNBOAT ASHORE.

Went Aground Near Ningpo.
The Ningo-Shoehing S. N. Co.'s str. Yungshin, which arrived at Shanghai from Ningpo on Thursday morning, reported that at 2 p.m. on the 25th inst. the French gunboat D'Alberville, while proceeding up the Yang River, towards Ningpo, went aground on the north bank of the river, about 100 yards above the Chinhai Custom House (13 miles from Ningpo). When the Yungshin passed here at 5.20 p.m., says the N. C. Daily News, she was in a very dangerous position, lying over with a list of at least 45 degrees to port. Her starboard side was all visible to the keel as she lay on the mud. This was at dead low water. The rise and fall is 11ft. at Spring tides, which are now coming on.
Capt. Markham, master of the Yungshin, states that this further goes to show the necessity of leading marks into the river. At present there are no leading marks and masters of steamers have to rely simply upon their own eyes to navigate the channel through Chihai. They have to keep in the middle of the river, at the same time keeping clear of the junks on either side. The channel at this place is only about 30ft. wide, and less than 100ft. deep. Capt. Markham also complains of the many junks moored in the channel which display no light at night, and of the fact that the junks are only moored by the head, and not by head and stern. He suggests that if there were leading lights to mark the channel, the difficulties of shipmasters would be lessened considerably.

Public Companies

THE HONGKONG & WHAM-POA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE DIVIDEND of \$3.00 per share declared at To-day's Annual General Meeting will be payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after Tuesday, 31st March, 1914, and Shareholders are requested to apply for warrants at the Town Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1914.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LIMITED.

THE Thirty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 12 noon on Monday, 6th April to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1913, and the Report of the General Managers.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 26th inst. to 6th prox. both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd Mar., 1914.

THE CHINA BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE Eleventh Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building at Noon on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1914, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1913 and the Report of The General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect an Auditor.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st April to 15th April, both days inclusive.
THE CHINA BORNEO CO., LTD.,
W. G. DARBY,
General Manager.

MARTIN'S APOL'STEEL PILLS

A French Remedy for all Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Neuralgia, Sciatica, etc. It is a powerful and reliable remedy, and is the only one that can be taken without any danger to the system. It is the only one that can be taken without any danger to the system. It is the only one that can be taken without any danger to the system.

Notices

NOTICE.

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.
NOTICE is hereby given that by order of the Board of Directors
Mr. MAX GUISCHKE
will conduct the business of this Bank as Manager from this date.
DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.
Hongkong, 30th March 1914.

NOTICE.

L. G. T. SWASEY announces to the public that he will be responsible for no bills contracted under any circumstances by Mrs. Swasey.

MAN LOONG.

FIRST-CLASS PRESERVES, GINGER AND SOY MANUFACTURERS.
Factory at Yuenai.
OFFICE: No. 33, Des Voeux Road, W.
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We are the leading Manufacturers in this class of Goods. Our Fruit & Ginger are all fresh and of the first pick. Our Syrup is prepared from the best quality of Sugar. We give our special attention to our business and sanitary arrangements.

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WHOLESALE buying agencies undertaken for all British and Continental goods, including—
Books and Stationery,
Boots, Shoes and Leather,
Chemicals and Druggists' Sundries,
China Earthenware and Glassware,
Cycles, Motor Cars and Accessories,
Drapery Millinery and Piece Goods,
Fancy Goods and Perfumery,
Hardware, Machinery and Metals,
Jewellery, Plate and Watches,
Photographic & Optical Goods,
Provisions and Oilmen's Stores, etc., etc.
Commission 2½ to 3½.
Trade Discounts allowed.
Special Quotations on Demand.
Sample Cases from £10 upwards.
Consignments of Produce sold on Account.

WILLIAM WILSON & SONS

(Established 1814).
25, ABchurch Lane, LONDON, E.C.
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OWING to the increase of our business, we have opened our China Dept., next door, and keep the best class of goods obtainable.
Inspection solicited.
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Hongkong Hotel Building.

MR. LEUNG JAU PING.

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DRAGON CYCLE CO.

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IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARDWARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Castings, General Storekeepers and Shipchandlers. Nos. 35 and 37, King's Road, Street, (2nd Street, west of Central Market) Telephone No. 515.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years. He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination; and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.
Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write c/o "Hongkong Telegraph" office or direct to 37 Hollywood Road, 1st floor, Hongkong, 28th Jan., 1912.

USE. G. N.

AND GUARD AGAINST PLAQUE
CHINA COMMERCIAL CO., 10 Duddell St.

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: 60, Wall Street, New York
London Office: 14, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
BRANCHES:—

Bombay
Calcutta
Canton
Colon
Hankow
Hongkong
Kobe
London
Lyons
Manila
Peking
San Francisco
Shanghai
Yokohama

Capital and Surplus equal \$100,000,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS Transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.
DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at 4½ per annum, or for shorter periods, at rates, which may be ascertained on application.
BILLS NEGOTIATED AND COLLECTED.
MAIL AND TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCES MADE.
LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the world.
THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.
COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued.
PURCHASE AND SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.
TRAVELLERS' CHECKS sold and cashed.
GEORGE WOOD,
Manager.

Queen's Road, Hongkong
Hongkong, 1st Nov. 1912

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund " 18,550,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches:—
Amoy, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, Lyons, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.
Agencies at:—
Nagasaki, Newchwang, Peking, Port Arthur, San Francisco, Shanghai, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Interest Allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EISEI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 30th Sept., 1913. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,700,000
Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. S. HEWETT,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22]

Notices

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up £1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise.
Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application.)

The Office of TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1908 [3]

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
7.00 A.M. to 8.00 A.M. Every 15 Min.
8.00 A.M. to 9.00 A.M. " 15 Min.
9.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. " 15 Min.
10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. " 15 Min.
11.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
12.00 P.M. to 1.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
2.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
4.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " 15 Min.

NIGHT CARS.
8.00 P.M. and 9.00 P.M. to 11.00 P.M. every half hour.
SUNDAYS.
8.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. Every 15 Min.
10.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
12.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
2.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
4.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
6.00 P.M. to 8.00 P.M. " 15 Min.

NIGHT CARS on Week Days.
8.00 P.M. and 9.00 P.M. to 11.00 P.M. every half hour.
SUNDAYS.
8.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. Every 15 Min.
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12.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
2.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " 15 Min.
4.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " 15 Min.

By Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Building, (1st Floor).

Banks

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS:

Sterling \$1,500,000 at 2½
Silver \$17,650,000

\$32,650,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Chairman
W. L. Patterson, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
S. H. Dodwell, Esq.
E. Gutz, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
P. H. Holyoak, Esq.
C. Landgraf, Esq.
J. A. Plummer, Esq.
Hon. Mr. E. Shellim,
H. A. Siebs, Esq.
CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—N. J. Stabb.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen.
London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ Per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 Per Cent. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

Capital Fully Paid-up Sh. Tael 7,500,000
Head Office.—Shanghai.
Board of Directors.—Berlin.

Branches:—
Berlin, Calcutta, Canton, Hankow, Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin, Tsingtau, Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS: Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons.
The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited.

Deutsche Bank (Berlin), London Agency.
Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.
Dresdner Bank.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

MAX GUISCHKE, Manager.
Hongkong, 9th Oct. 1911. [2]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,500
Reserve Fund 465,000

BANKERS: Bank of England, London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

A. R. LINTON, Manager.

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Cannot be Beaten, if Equalled For Bread, Cakes, Confectionery made with Wines & Liqueurs

Exchange

Selling:		
T/T Marks	197	
Demand Germany	197½	
T/T France	2.43	
On Haiphong	3¼	pm
On Saigon	3	pm
On Bangkok	79½	
Buying:		
4 m/s. L/O	111 1/2	
4 m/s. D/P	111 3/8	
6 m/s. L/O	111 5/8	
30 d/s. New & Melbourne	113/4	
70 d/s. San Francisco & New York	47 1/4	
4 m/s. Marks	2.01	
4 m/s. France	2.48	
6 m/s. do	2.50	
Bar Silver, ready	26 3/4	
forward	26 1/2	
Gold Leaf per tael	54.10	
Bank of England rate	3½	
Sovereign	10.30	

Opium Quotation Mar 13

Malwa, New \$3,200 per pc
Malwa, Old 8,300
Patna, New 9,325 per pc
Patna, Old 9,800
Benares, New 9,000
Benares, Old 8,925

TC-DAY'S SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS SA-SALES B-BUYERS N-NOMINAL

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE. CLOSING QUOTATION. LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.

Hongkong & Shanghai \$125 \$810 s. \$2 & 5/- b. at ex 1/11 3/16 equal to \$23.29 for 1/2 year ending 31/12/13

Cantons \$50 330 s. \$18 for 1912
North China \$5 T142 b. Final of 10 p.c. making 20 p.c. for 1912

Unions \$100 \$845 s. Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1911 and interim of \$30 for 1912

Yangtzes \$50 \$205 b. Final of \$12 mak. \$15 for 1911 & Int. of \$3 for 1912

China Fires \$20 \$145 s. \$0 for 1912

Hongkong Fires \$50 \$368 s. \$27 for 1912

China & Manila \$25 \$81 b. \$1 for 1906

Douglas Steamship \$50 \$36 s. \$2.50 for year end g'30'6'13

Steamboats \$15 \$284 s. Final of \$1 for half year ending 31/12/13

Indo-China (Preferred) \$5 \$71 s. 6 p.c. for year 1912 on preferred shares

"Shell" Transports £1 101/6 Interim of 1/- making 2/- for 1913 Coupon No. 21

"Star Ferry" \$10 \$49 \$2 on 10,000 shares 1st issue \$3 on 10,000 " 2nd " \$1 on 10,000 " 3rd " for year ending 30/4/13

China Sugars \$100 \$84 b. \$3 for 1912

Luzon Sugars \$100 \$28 s. \$3 for 1897

Chinese Engineerings £1 37/6 Interim of 31 p.c. & 2/5d per share, Coupon No. 1 account year 10/6/12

Tronachs £1 38/- s. Int. of 1/6 mak. 6/8/c. 19 3 1/2 for 1909

Rauha £1 13 b. \$3.50 for year 1913

Kowloon Wharfs \$50 \$85 s. \$3 for 1913

H.K. & W'poa Docks \$50 \$703 x div. Tls. 3 for 1912

Shanghai Docks T. 100 57 Interim of Tls 3 for 1913

Hongkong Wharfs T. 100 T. 100 s.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDING: Anglo-French Lands T. 100 T. 94 Tls. 6 29/210

Hongkong Hotels \$50 \$124 b. \$7 on old shares, \$3.50 on new shares for year 31/12/13

Hongkong Lands \$100 \$112 s. \$3 1/4 for 1/2 year ending 31.12.13

Humphreys Estates \$10 \$8 b. 50 cents for 1913

Kowloon Lands \$30 \$44 b. \$2.80 for 1913.

Shanghai Lands T. 30 T. 90 Interim of 5 p.c. for year ending 30/6/13 \$2.25 for 1/2 year ending 31.12.13

West Point \$50 \$67 b. Tls. 15 for year ending 31/10/13

Manila M'pole Hotel P. 10 P. 8 Tls. 10 for year ending 30/6/13

Ewos T. 50 T. 131 Tls. 12 for year end g'31'12

Shanghai Cottons T. 118 Tls. 14 for year ending 30/11/13

Laou Kung Mow 90 Tls. 14 for year ending 30/11/13

Kung Yik 12 b. 50 cents 31.7.08

Hongkong Cottons \$10 \$84 s. 85 cents for 1912

MISCELLANEOUS: China-Borneos \$12 \$111 s. 70 cents for 1913

THE BOXING WORLD.

A Referee's Decision at
Tonypandy.

The great question of the welter-weight belt is being cleared up without the aid of the holder. Tom McCormick has beaten Johnny Summers again, and done that so thoroughly that we cannot think, whatever the decision of the National Sporting Club may be that the holder of the Lonsdale belt is the best welter-weight champion that Great Britain can produce, writes a contributor, in the *Sporting Chronicle* of February 21.

In my mind, there has never been a doubt concerning the excellence of McCormick, and I have received a letter from a correspondent, who (before Percy Jones's defeat) wrote some very good sense stuff about both McCormick and Jones. Punch Vaut, who writes from Liverpool, is the correspondent, and he still seems to think that Basham will beat McCormick. This communication is the one thing that makes me afraid about the general supremacy of McCormick. I have not seen Basham.

Still, there is the fact that McCormick, damned by faint praise after he had beaten Gus Flatts so thoroughly at the National Sporting Club, has proved himself possessed of a punch that can finish off so game a boxer as Summers in one round. That is the sort of thing that makes one cross—to think that because a man finds himself engaged in a contest where it is unnecessary to risk making a big punch, wins by the easiest way possible and then has to put up with semi-condemnation because he has not knocked his man out.

Silencing the Critics.
That was McCormick's position after he had won at the first attempt at the National Sporting Club, and now he had done all that is possible to silence his half-hearted critics who talked and wrote as if the delivery of a big punch was all in boxing. If that were so, Iron Hogue would have been champion of the world! One thing is certain now, and that is that there can be no further contest for the Lonsdale belt until McCormick returns. Two beatings of the holder of the trophy mentioned must be taken notice of, and there is no better in Great Britain who has a prior right to McCormick to box for the welter belt.

It looks as if the suggested match between Carpenter and Langford will not take place. It is to be hoped that that will be the case, for it is madness for the French boy to attempt to give away weight to such an opponent. I do not know anything about the weight of Langford, but if he gets down to 12st 7lb I think Carpenter would have some sort of a chance.

A Referee's Strong Action.
That was a curious business at Tonypandy where Mr. J. H. Tawaites, who is a referee of fearless mind, declared a verdict of "no contest" between Dai Roberts and Joe Johns because the seconds of the latter boxer made the referee's position intolerable by frivolous appeals. I cannot think that Mr. Tawaites was entirely right in his decision, inasmuch as a boxer can be disqualified because of the action of his seconds. Still, the judgment looks rather Solomon-like, for it is hard on a boxer if he is ruled out of a bout for something he cannot help. There may have been some circumstance which caused Mr. Tawaites to arrive at a decision that is unusual, for as far as can be gathered the referee would have been justified in disqualifying Johns, as a boxer's seconds may not even shout advice during a round.

I was particularly interested in this meeting, because I wanted to know that Roberts had been tried out once more in view of the fact that I have expressed that he will beat Willie Farrell, who has given you all up north so fine an opinion of his ability. I share that opinion about Farrell, but I think that Roberts is just a trifle better boxer—mainly because he is just as scientific and that he has a superior physique with which to force home that science.

To revert to Mr. Tawaites's decision, I think he must have been morally right, though perhaps

technically wrong. In this age of non-recognition of right unless it is right according to the common law, it is good to see referees right actually, and if we can tolerate the constant clincher and not object to his victory should be able much more easily to tolerate a decision that is not above suspicion so far as the letter of the law is concerned, but which has in its favour good common sense.

At the N.S.C.

That admirable little fellow ex-Lance-Corporal Miller, of the Royal North Lancashire Regiment, was fortunate in getting the verdict over Harry Sterling at the National Sporting Club last Monday. Miller's boxing makes him a favourite, for he comes for nobody, and just boxes with a smile upon his face whether he is getting a hiding or winning. Still, that fact, excellent though it is to contemplate, should not be allowed to weigh in the mind of the referee, and even though Miller punched harder than Sterling, he did not punch so frequently, and, as a consequence, lost on points, though the referee thought otherwise.

Sterling's boxing looked particularly good to me. He was quick in avoidance, and scarcely ever missed a chance of jolting in a blow. He boxed in a way that made sure of the verdict, and then he did not get it. The decision struck me as one of the many poor ones that have been given at the National Sporting Club, and as the controllers of the club are contemplating a change in the method of judging it is to be hoped that the alteration will be made, for things cannot be much worse.

A Great Joke.

While some people over here are shouting for a Bard of Control, boxing France has got one—the French Boxing Federation, which is the one great scream of the boxing world. Surely there has never been anything quite so funny as their latest effort, which is to accept "Kid" McCoy's challenge to Sam Langford for the title of the "world's middle-weight champion." Sam Langford at 11st 6lb! Why does not some one in France take this Federation aside and talk to it like a father? The people who form it might do some good some day with a trifle of advice from some person or persons who have heard of Sam Langford challenging Jack Johnson.

What a pity Langford left for America before this decision was come to; it might have kept him in a constant roar all across the Atlantic, so that the passage would have pressed like a beautiful dream. Langford will have to be older than McCoy before he can hope to be at the middle-weight again.

European Champion.

The idea of drawing up a list of European champions to be submitted by France to England, Great Britain, Switzerland, and Belgium is a good one, providing there can be formed a body capable of harmonious working. It is moving with the times to do that sort of thing, for we can no longer take it for granted that the champion of Great Britain is necessarily the champion of the Continent, and we are not yet in a frame of mind to allow that a champion of France must of necessity be the champion of Europe.

The great handicap that any boxing body of the kind suggested must always labour under is the interestedness of promoters. It should be understood that any gentleman connected with the promotion of profit-taking boxing entertainments would not be allowed to sit on such a body. If that were done we might find a workable committee who could hold the balance between boxers and promoters.

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can be supplied at cheap rates at SANDAKAN & SEBATTIK (British North Borneo). At these ports steamers calling for bunker coal exclusively are exempt from all shipping dues and charges.

A. BUNE.

POST OFFICE.

On and after April 1st the Western Branch Post Office (situated in the old Market North Block) will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. on week days and from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Sundays and Holidays for the transaction of postal business e.g. sale of stamps registration etc. Direct mails to China are made up at this office.

Chinese registered correspondence will not be delivered on a signature only. The Chop of a firm of stationers will be required in addition. The Postmen have instructions not to part with any registered article until the above regulation has been complied with.

The P. Alice with the German mail left Singapore on Sunday the 29th inst. at 7 a.m. and is due to arrive here on Thursday, the 2nd April at 3 p.m.

The Austria, with the mail from (London via Siberia) of Saturday the 14th inst. is due to arrive here on Thursday, the 2nd April.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left	Due
London	Shanghai
Mar. 11	Mar. 28

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Austria, 2nd April.
German, P. Alice, 2nd April.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia) — Per KOEBER, 31st inst. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy, Fuzhou, via Takao and Amoy — Per SUSHU MARU, 1st April, 9 a.m.

Straits, India, and South Africa — Per MALTA, 1st April, 9 a.m.

Swatow — Per PETROHABURI, 1st April, 9 a.m.

Swatow — Per HAIMUN, 1st April 10 a.m.

Straits — Per IDOMENEUS, 1st April, 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria and Tacoma — Per MEXICO MARU, 1st April, noon.

Chinwangto — Per ATAKA MARU, 1st April, 3 a.m.

Shanghai, and North China — Per HANG-SANG, 1st April, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China, Japan via Kobe — Per KUTSANG, 1st April, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2nd April.

Straits, Mauritius & South African Ports — Per SALAMIS, 2nd April 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America — Per SAN FRANCISCO (Europe via Siberia) — Per E. OF JAPAN, 2nd April, 10 a.m.

Chinwangto — Per FERNLY, 2nd April, 10 a.m.

Saigon — Per BENALDER, 2nd April 10 a.m.

Hoihow, Hongkong, and Pakhoi — Per KONGKONG, 2nd April, 10 a.m.

Hai Phong & Pakhoi — Per HANOI, 2nd April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou — Per HAI-YANG, 2nd April, noon.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Yokohama — Per FERSIA, 2nd April, 4 p.m.

Shanghai and North China — Per ANHUI, 2nd April, 5 p.m.

Philippine Is. — Per RUBI, 2nd April, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia) — Per P. ALICE, 2nd April, 5 p.m.

[To make connection with the Daily steamer leaving Shanghai on Wednesday the 8th April, at 9 p.m.]

FRIDAY 3rd April.

Hai Phong & Pakhoi — Per KAIFONG, 3rd April, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou — Per HAI-CHING, 3rd April, 10 a.m.

Wei-hai-wei & Tientsin — Per CHEONG-SHING, 3rd April, 11 a.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta — Per NAM-SANG, 3rd April, 1 p.m.

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Shanghai & North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, S. America, via San Francisco (Europe via Siberia) — Per TENYO MARU, 4th April, 11 a.m.

Philippine Is. — Per YUENSANG, 4th April, 11 a.m.

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SUNDAY, 5th April.

Swatow — Per HAIMUN, 5th April 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 6th April.
Straits, Ceylon India via Bombay — Per AUSTRIA, 6th April, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, 7th April.

Philippine Is., Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, South America, and Canada — Per NIPPON MARU, 7th April, 9 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Aden, India, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail. — Per AMAZON, 7th April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou — Per HAI-CHOW, 7th April, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, and North China — Per LIANG-CHOW, 7th April, 11 a.m.

Philippine Is. — Per TEAN, 7th April 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 8th April.

Straits & Colombo — Per KAMO, 8th April, 9 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Ataka Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,595, Noguchi, 30th Mar. — Chinwangto, 24th March.
Coal — M. B. K.
Chingchow, Br. s.s. 1,195, J. Doyle, 30th Mar. — Kwangyen, 27th March.
Cement Stone — S. T. & Co.
C. Jensen, Ger. s.s. 1,105, J. Binden, 30th Mar. — Bangkok, 27th March.
C. S. & Co.

Elisbeth, Ger. s.s. 991, Berg, 31st March.
Onion None, 28th March, Rice — J. & Co.
Halmun, Br. s.s. 641, J. W. Evans, 31st inst. — Swatow, 30th inst. Gen. — D. L. & Co.

Kiang Plog, Chi. s.s. 1,228, H. Udden, 30th Mar. — Chinkiang, 27th March.
Kwangsi, Chi. s.s. 1,536, C. Stewart, 30th Mar. — Shanghai, 27th March.
Gen. — C. M. S. N. & Co.

Malta, Br. s.s. 6,000, G. W. Cockman, 31st March. — Yokohama, 16th March.
Gen. — P. & O. S. N. Co.
P. E. Friedrich, Ger. s.s. 4,572, C. Numdt, 30th Mar. — Yokohama, 21st March.
Gen. — M. & Co.

Yodo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,953, Yakuni, 30th Mar. — Wakamatsu, 23rd March.
Gen. — M. B. K.

Yuenanang, Br. s.s. 1,128, C. A. Robertson, 31st March. — Manila, 28th March.
Gen. — J. M. & Co.

DEPARTED.

March 30.

Taisho Maru for Dairen via Tientsin.
Cheongshing for Canton.
Wa Sun for Macao.

Anyo Maru for Saigon.
Sanda for Hongkong via Singapore.
Fochow for Saigon.
Anhui for Canton.

Hanoi for Haiphong via Pakhoi.
Neleus for London via Singapore.
Idomeneus for Liverpool via Saigon.
C. Diederichsen for Haiphong via Hoihow.

Peking for Shanghai.
Yodo Maru for Canton.
Shanghai for Shanghai.
Kiangping for Canton.

Shanghai and North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria and Tacoma — Per MEXICO MARU, 1st April, noon.

Chinwangto — Per ATAKA MARU, 1st April, 3 a.m.

Shanghai, and North China — Per HANG-SANG, 1st April, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China, Japan via Kobe — Per KUTSANG, 1st April, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America — Per SAN FRANCISCO (Europe via Siberia) — Per E. OF JAPAN, 2nd April, 10 a.m.

Chinwangto — Per FERNLY, 2nd April, 10 a.m.

Saigon — Per BENALDER, 2nd April 10 a.m.

Hoihow, Hongkong, and Pakhoi — Per KONGKONG, 2nd April, 10 a.m.

Hai Phong & Pakhoi — Per HANOI, 2nd April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou — Per HAI-YANG, 2nd April, noon.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Yokohama — Per FERSIA, 2nd April, 4 p.m.

Shanghai and North China — Per ANHUI, 2nd April, 5 p.m.

Philippine Is. — Per RUBI, 2nd April, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia) — Per P. ALICE, 2nd April, 5 p.m.

[To make connection with the Daily steamer leaving Shanghai on Wednesday the 8th April, at 9 p.m.]

FRIDAY 3rd April.
Hai Phong & Pakhoi — Per KAIFONG, 3rd April, 9 a.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 31st, at 11:35—The Loochoos depression has merged into the Manchurian depression, which now central over N. Japan.

Pressure has decreased slightly along the coast of China from Shanghai to Hongkong and over the Philippines, and moderately over Tongking.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
Hongkong and Neighbourhood	E. or variable winds, moderate to fair.
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh.
South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	E. to S.E. winds, moderate.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
31st March, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Force	Weather
Wanchow	7a	29.63	80	1			
Namur	6a	29.44	80	0			
Hakodate	2a	29.63	80	0			
Tokio	2a	29.63	80	0			
Kochi	2a	29.63	80	0			
Nagasaki	2a	29.63	80	0			
Kishima	2a	29.63	80	0			
Oshima	2a	29.63	80	0			
Shima	2a	29.63	80	0			
Ishijima	2a	29.63	80	0			
Bonin Is.	2a	29.63	80	0			
Chefoo	2a	29.63	80	0			
Whalwei	2a	29.63	80	0			
Hankow	2a	29.63	80	0			
Ichang	2a	29.63	80	0			
Kwangsi	2a	29.63	80	0			
Shanghai	2a	29.63	80	0			
Gutzlaff	2a	29.63	80	0			
Sharp P.	2a	29.63	80	0			
Amoy	2a	29.63	80	0			
Swatow	2a	29.63	80	0			
Taihou	2a	29.63	80	0			
Taipei	2a	29.63	80	0			
Tainan	2a	29.63	80	0			
Koshu	2a	29.63	80	0			
Paoan	2a	29.63	80	0			
Canton	2a	29.63	80	0			
H'kong	2a	29.63	80	0			
Gap Road	2a	29.63	80	0			
Macao	2a	29.63	80	0			
Wachow	2a	29.63	80	0			
Pakhoi	2a	29.63	80	0			
Hoihow	2a	29.63	80	0			
Phu Lien	2a	29.63	80	0			
Tourane	2a	29.63	80	0			
C. St. J.	2a	29.63	80	0			
Apari	2a	29.63	80	0			
Manila	2a	29.63	80	0			
Batavia	2a	29.63	80	0			
Banool	2a	29.63	80	0			
Cebu	2a	29.63	80	0			